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"Rats, The Bus Showed Up!"



WAITING FOR THE SCHOOL BUS on the first day of school last Wednesday at the corner of Edward & Main Street were Brian Landy, Bryan Adams, Mitch Wilson, and Tom Adams.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FEEDING HILLS RESIDENT Thomas Tierney receives the prestigious "Friend of Education Award" from Agawam Education Association President Gail Dion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Health Dept. Cut Continues To Plague Testy Town Council

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Town Councilors talked a lot about cooperation with each other but the testiness and back and forth bickering continued during various segments of Monday night's meeting at the Agawam Middle School.

Before a frustrated Councilor Walter Balboni called for adjournment, the stubborn source of tension causing tempers to flare is the spectre of the controversial \$22,500 Health Department budget. At Monday's meeting, the cut again had center stage.

Even during a presentation of awards to recognize citizens for good service to the community did the Health Department cut figure into the equation.

Feeding Hills resident Jane Dennis received an award for her service to the community for the second time in 18 months. Mrs. Dennis, the organizer of the well-known "Buy A Bow, Send A Box" campaign during the Persian Gulf War, was honored again Monday night. Mrs. Dennis also is the two-time chairwoman of the town's Fourth of July festival.

In the past several weeks Mrs. Dennis has become a strong critic of the six councilors who supported the Health Department cut on July 20th. On July 30th, town sanitarian Casmir Tryba was dismissed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

New Superintendent Promises Cooperation With Staff, Teachers

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Monday, August 31st, an installation ceremony was held for Superintendent-elect Bernard F. Ryder. Mayor Christopher Johnson, Chairman of the School Committee, board members, school principals, and school administrators were also present to offer their congratulations.

Ryder is originally from Rhode Island and has lived in four of the six New England states, including Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. He is presently looking to relocate here from Maine, where he served as superintendent of schools in Limestone since 1983.

He was touched with his students' dedication of the high school yearbook in his honor during his last months of tenure in Limestone this year. It was his third superintendency and one that he leaves with a heavy heart, he said.

Loring Air Force Base was part of his school system in Maine. He said, "The base will close in June 1994. Seventy percent of our staff had to be laid off. I applied for federal support for the retiring of these employees."

He continued, "The Limestone School Committee wants me to continue to act as a consultant to set the program for the downsizing (which will occur beginning this year), with 1,500 students downsized to 300 by June 1993."

AEA Presents Annual 'Friend Of Education' To Thomas Tierney

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam Education Association (AEA) President Gail Dion presented Feeding Hills resident Thomas Tierney with the prestigious "Friend of Education Award" during the back-to-school assembly in the Agawam Junior High School auditorium last Tuesday (September 1st).

Mrs. Dion recognized past recipients in attendance, including Mayor Christopher Johnson; Attorney Richard Morassi; School Committee member Susan Pettazzoni; Richard Sardella, owner and publisher of *The Agawam Advertiser News*; Agawam Police Detective and former D.A.R.E. coordinator Wayne Macey; and Iris Copson, School Department editor for the *AAN*.

Mrs. Dion said this was the 10th "Friend of Education Award" acknowledged by the AEA, which also includes citizens Rene Piccoli (Chairwoman of the Board of the Agawam Counseling Center) and retired teacher Bernadette Polopek. Feeding Hills resident Daniel Lacienski accepted the "Friend of Education Award" given to the Polish American Club the year he was president.

Mrs. Dion said Tierney has taught in a nearby Connecticut school system for 20 years, and that he has three children in the Agawam school system. She commended Tierney on his "tenaciousness" during the past two years to see "his vision to create an educational trust fund" come to fruition.

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The award to Mrs. Dennis was called a political ploy on the part of some councilors by Councilor Jessie D. Fuller following the meeting.

Prior to the presentation, Mrs. Fuller chided council President Joanne H. Willis for not notifying the council in a timely fashion that Mrs. Dennis was again being recognized. Mrs. Fuller said that several other individuals were heavily involved in the July 4th celebration and that they, too, should be honored by the council.

Chief Organizer Of Petition

Mrs. Dennis was a chief organizer that obtained 66 signatures on a petition asking the council to conduct a public hearing on the health cut. She is also circulating another petition which is seeking a special election to reinstate Tryba to his position at Town Hall.

The August 31st public hearing turned bitter for the 125 residents who attended, as well as for the 11 member council.

Also, during a round table discussion before the meeting ended, Councilor George Bitzas took aim at Councilor Nancy Gravel for statements she made about the health cut in the September 3rd edition of *The Advertiser News*.

In that article, Mrs. Gravel told us in reference to the health cut, "It doesn't make sense. We can spend \$20,000 on flowers to beautify the town but we can't spend that much for the safety of its citizens."

Bitzas wanted to know where Mrs. Gravel got her information and then said the flowers didn't cost the town any money because they were

donated by various private concerns in town.

Bitzas also said many erroneous statements were being made in the press about the health cut, indicating the town was suffering because of the misinformation being passed around.

Mrs. Gravel responded that a department head at Town Hall gave her this information.

Councilor Louis Russo then chided Bitzas, explaining that town equipment and personnel were used to plant the flowers during workday hours. Bitzas and Russo then became involved in an exchange before Mrs. Willis brought the meeting back to order.

Health Department Statistics

Councilor Gary Suffriti then apologized for stating that no health inspections by the Health Department were conducted during the month of August.

Suffriti made this statement at the August 31st hearing.

Suffriti was responding to a published article which stated that the Health Department was operating as usual despite the absence of Tryba.

Suffriti said one inspection had been conducted during August, that being at the new Getty Mart on Springfield Street (next to Dunkin' Donuts).

Suffriti indicated that the public was being misled by statements saying the Health Department was continuing business as usual.

At presstime, Suffriti was heading for Town Hall to obtain health inspection statistics from Health Agent Ronald Young. Suffriti had previously stated that it was Young who gave him the information concerning health inspections.

Agawam To Receive \$10,127 For Arts Council

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) announced today that the Third Hampden District will be receiving more than \$23,000 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for Fiscal Year 1993.

These monies are to be allocated to the local cultural councils in Agawam, Blandford, Chester, Granville, Russell, Southwick and Tolland.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council funds arts, humanities and interpretive science activities at the local level through local cultural councils. These councils are comprised of community volunteers who review grant applications, then submit them to the Massachusetts Cultural Council for final approval.

During FY'93 the program will be distributing \$2,160,000 to local councils across the Commonwealth. The distribution is based on a formula that includes such factors as population and equalized property value.

The funds are to be distributed as follows:

Agawam, \$10,127; Blandford, \$2,000; Chester, \$2,000; Granville, \$2,000; Russell, \$2,000; Southwick, \$3,124; Tolland, \$2,000.

"I am delighted that my towns are receiving these funds that are so vital to continuing their cultural activities. These programs have played an integral part in the enrichment of our daily lives," Walsh said.

Managing Your Money...**Benefit From Road To Tax-Free Investing**

by Tim Ayre

Merrill Lynch Financial Consultant

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Council Tables Reorganization For Oct. Meeting

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The reorganization of departments at Town Hall was put on hold by Town Council Monday night until its October 5th meeting.

This cumbersome issue, a definite source of conflict between Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and some councilors, may be discussed at a council workshop prior to the October 5th meeting.

Councilor Richard Brindle asked the reorganization discussion be tabled. It passed on a 7-4 vote.

Who has the authority to reorganize Town Hall has evolved into a debate over the Town Charter. Johnson says the responsibility is his, not the council's. Council President Joanne H. Willis says the charter allows the council to submit its own reorganization plan.

Town Solicitor Thomas Locke at presstime is reviewing the charter and a ruling from him is expected.

Johnson has already appointed a three-member committee to study and formulate plans for reorganization and Mrs. Willis wishes to establish a council subcommittee to do the same.

During brief discussion on the matter, Councilor Edward A. Caba told his colleagues, "Reorganization should be done through a spirit of cooperation. I would like to see us working with the Mayor. Let's not forget, He (the Mayor) has the veto power behind him."

Mrs. Willis agreed, saying, "I hope the council and the administration can work together on reorganization."

In the council's round table discussion at the end of the meeting, Councilor Louis Russo raised concerns over actions taken by the building inspector at a vacant home on Charles Street.

Russo said Building Inspector Carl Ferrett entered the home of what the town thought to be a deceased person and that important financial documents from the owner of the property were removed.

Russo said Ferrett informed him that he (Ferrett) entered the home on signed instructions from the Mayor and that the supposed dead man was alive and well and seeking to reclaim his property (said Russo).

According to Russo, he is attempting to keep the town out of another court case and that the town should have obtained a court order to enter the vacant home before sending Ferrett inside.

The home was called an eyesore by neighbors and was not secured.

Councilor Edward A. Caba told Russo he should have first taken this to the administration before bringing it before the council.

In other council business, former School Committee member David Cecchi was appointed to a three-year term on the Agawam Historical Commission. Cecchi was also a member of the Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee.

Appointed as new chairman of the Agawam Economic and Industrial Development Commission (AEIDC) was resident Douglas Bodman. Bodman is also known for being chairman of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee.

Elected as vice-chairman of the AEIDC was resident Valentine R. Moreno. Moreno is a former council and a longtime political activist in town.

Appointed to a term through December 31st on the Whiting Street Fund was Cynthia Lawlor of Agawam. She is active with the Clark School PTO.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM NOTICE!!!

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, September 21, 1992, upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated August 19, 1992 for permission to erect a line of poles with wires & fixtures in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 4th day of September, 1992. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871 Ext. 2480.

Petition No.: Drg. No. 1322
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Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Editorial

Guest Editorial...

Scare-Mongering The Agenda For Foes Of Health Cut

by Thomas J. Ennis
Agawam Town Councillor

I would like to discuss the situation regarding the \$22,500 cut in the FY 1993 budget in the Health Department.

I am sorry that the people of Agawam have been exposed to the ugly spectacle of the supposedly spontaneous opposition to the cut. I intend to address some of the allegations and hopefully, clarify the situation for you.

Firstly, I would like to dispel the myth that the health and safety of the people of Agawam are at risk. This is scare-mongering propaganda put forward by the organizers of last month's public hearing (August 31st).

Mayor Johnson would not stoop (nor would the majority of the council) to endanger the health and safety of you, the people we work for, by playing politics with a budget cut.

I would now like to address some of the rumors circulating around town which are, in fact, fiction!

MYTH: There was a secret meeting of privileged councilors.

FACT: I initiated the budget cut. I met with Council President Willis, looking for her input. I called Councillor Taylor, for I believe he is a conservative ally of mine in fiscal matters (for example, he and I vehemently opposed the purchase of a \$40,000 snowblower). There was no secret meeting.

MYTH: The council axed Cas Tryba.

FACT: The council made a budget cut in the Health Department of \$22,500. The Mayor, in fact, made the cut in personnel.

MYTH: The town is currently breaking state law because we have no sanitarian employed.

FACT: State law mandates that the town must employ a licensed sanitarian. Mr. Ron Young, Health Agent, is a licensed sanitarian. Mr. Tryba is not a licensed sanitarian. Mr. Tryba was asked

by the Board of Health, 10 years ago, to become licensed. He was unable to achieve certification.

MYTH: I have been unwilling to discuss this cut.

FACT: One of the leaders of the orchestrated "spontaneous" protest on August 31st is Mrs. Anita McNamee. The first time that Mrs. McNamee spoke to the Town Council was during a Citizens' Speak Time. Immediately following that meeting, I approached Mrs. McNamee and asked her if we could discuss this subject. She promised to call me. As of today (September 8th), I am still waiting for that call. By the way, my number is 786-9402 or 789-2678. I have also run into Mrs. McNamee several times, including in the kitchen of EB's Restaurant where she was trying to coerce Mr. Borgatti into attending the public hearing. On each occasion that I have seen Mrs. McNamee, she has studiously avoided me, so I must conclude that she is not interested in both sides of this discussion.

MYTH: This is an insignificant budget cut.

FACT: I do not argue that \$22,500 seems to be a small amount of money. The reason the cut was not an actual salary amount was because I, as the proposer, felt that the town should pay adequate severance pay; five other councilors agreed with me. However, the projected savings over the next 10 years amount to well over \$250,000, hardly an insignificant amount.

MYTH: There have been no health inspections since Mr. Tryba's layoff.

FACT: Health inspections have been ongoing. This has been confirmed by both the Mayor and by Mr. Euliano, the Chairman of the Board of Health, an opponent of the cut. Records of health inspections are documented within the Health Department.

MYTH: The town is in an uproar over the cut.

FACT: I have received three calls since the budget meeting opposing the cut. I held office hours in August, which were advertised in both *The Agawam Advertiser News* and the *Union News*. Several people attended my hours, all supported the cut and wished for more cuts. In my travels around town, I have found that most people I have spoken to are unconcerned about the impact of the cut. Some people do not even know what I am talking about.

MYTH: The public hearing was a forum for the majority of the council to explain its stand to the public.

FACT: Public hearings are for input from the public. In fact, at the beginning of the meeting, President Willis stated, "...this public hearing is not to have interaction between those members of the public who wish to speak to the council. It is your opportunity to give us your thoughts and your ideas and your concerns. But if you should ask questions, the members of the council are not able to answer them directly. This is not that kind of forum..."

MYTH: The building inspector is filling in for the sanitarian.

FACT: The Health Department is doing the Health Department's work. The Building Department is doing the Building Department's work. There is no overlap.

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Guest Editorial...

Abuser Of Democracy On Health Cut

by Louis J. Russo
Agawam Town Councillor

An article published September 5th, which was initiated by one of the six councilors voting to cut the Health Department budget, suggests that the thousands of residents opposing his actions are abusing their rights as citizens. That councilor, since being elected, has been very good at self-promotion and little else. As a means of detracting from his own actions he is accusing those who disagree with him as abusing democratic principles and, therefore, the democratic process, by supporting what he calls an "illegal" petition.

For that councilor to make such statements only shows his lack of knowledge for the Town Charter and the United State Constitution. If not, then he must by trying to deny those who oppose him their constitutional rights as Americans. He should be reminded that many of us served our country in defense of those rights.

He should also be reminded that our democratic principles and the freedoms guaranteed by them, are predicated on the right to

petition, to freely elect, and to expect FAIR and HONEST representation from those who are elected. For that councilor, or anyone else, to accuse those who would exercise their rights as Americans as "abusing the democratic principles" is himself, the true abuser of democracy.

To put the Health Department fiasco in proper perspective, and to allow everyone to determine for themselves who is actually abusing democratic principles, I offer the following questions. The questions are not based on heresay or innuendo, but rather on facts from direct quotes, published statements, news reports, public documents, and administrative statements.

1. After two budget workshops, why did six councilors secretly discuss the cut in the Health Department and why did they communicate privately with the administration prior to the budget hearing in which the cut was made?

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Monday, September 14th
Agawam Cultural Council Meeting
Ag. Police Station Community Room
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15th
Membership meeting for
Agawam Junior Women's Club
Captain Leonard House, Main St., Ag.
7:30 p.m.
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2. Why did three of the six inform Debbie Dachos, the Town Planner, that her position was the one that was going to be cut and that Councilors Balboni, Russo, and Suffriti were going to vote to remove her? Is it perhaps because she was used as an innocent dupe to smokescreen any leaks about their true intentions?

3. Why, after being informed by the Mayor during the budget hearing, did they still vote on the cut knowing full well that an employee would be eliminated? And based on the dollar amount of the cut and on their own statements afterwards, why do they continually deny that they did not know in advance that it would be the sanitarian who would leave?

4. Why, following the cut and the ensuing public outcry, did the six refuse to answer questions? Do they actually believe that anyone believes their erroneous, illogical, and unsubstantiated excuses for their actions? Wouldn't such statements reinforce the notion that they have something to hide?

5. Why have several of the six suddenly begun to flip-flop on who actually made the decision to cut the sanitarian? Was it one of the six or was it the administration? Could it be that the ad-

ministration, as many believe, not only supported the cut, but was involved in the decision beforehand?

6. Why did the administration veto the cut in violation of his own promises and then tell us that he did not want to cause divisiveness on the Council? Was this not a major error in judgement and isn't it also proof that the administration is more concerned about politics rather than public health?

7. And finally, why did the six thumb their noses at those who attended the last public hearing? Why did they ignore the public's questions and turn a deaf ear to the public's concerns? Wouldn't their refusal to acknowledge over 125 of the people they are sworn to serve leave one to ask WHO ARE THEY REALLY WORKING FOR?

After reading the questions, it is obvious what the answers must be. Given that, there is only one question left. Who is actually abusing democratic principles and the democratic process? Is it those who are exercising their democratic rights or is it those who would try to hide their undemocratic actions by denying us those rights?

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MYTH: Issuing of permits is being delayed because of the personnel cut.

FACT: The only instance cited was by Mr. Mickey Juzba, who claimed that he was unable to obtain a septic permit because of Mr. Tryba's layoff. Mr. Tryba is not a licensed sanitarian, therefore, he could not have issued the permit. Mr. Juzba's application was certified by Mr. Young on August 31st, prior to the public hearing. There was never a problem and no other problems have arisen.

MYTH: "We can spend \$20,000 on flowers to beautify the town, but we can't spend that much for the safety of its citizens." (Councilor Gravel, Agawam Advertiser News, September 3rd, 1992.)

FACT: The budget for the Health Department is \$226,347, not \$20,000. Almost \$250,000 for FY 1993 for the health and safety of our citizens.

Furthermore, every single plant was donated by the very generous merchants of Agawam. Not one of them received one penny for one single plant. I

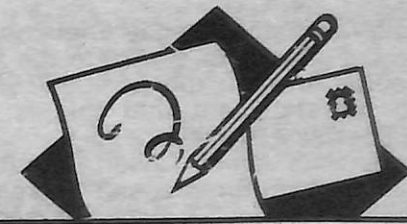
would like to ask Councilor Gravel where the \$20,000 allocation for flowers was within the budget. I certainly did not (and would never) vote for it.

There are many more myths circulating, each has no basis in fact. The above is merely a sampling of the unfounded rumors being spread.

One final and very important point that I would like to make is that the petition which is currently being circulated is another futile exercise. It is not possible to raise monies by referendum for specific purposes.

Additionally, a townwide referendum would cost you, the taxpayers, over \$5,000, not \$1,500 as has been stated.

In conclusion, I want to remind you that I work for all of you, all the time. I do not work only for the vocal minorities. I examine every issue thoroughly and vote on it according to what's in the best interests of our town. I remain honored to be your public servant, not your master, and I will continue the fight of fiscal responsibility for you.



Letters To The Editor

Residents Pushing Petition On Health Cut Clarify Position

To The Editor:

We, Jane Dennis and Anita McNamee, have decided to write this letter collectively to express our concern and to clarify our position regarding the firing of Cas Tryba and the budget cut in the Health Department.

Prior to the Town Council meeting held August 3rd, we had never met. That evening, we found we shared a common concern. Why did six Councilors vote to eliminate funding for the sanitation position? We specifically asked why during Citizens' Speak Time.

Being involved in Agawam politics has never been our number one priority, although this issue has certainly made it seem so. We have families and lead busy lives. We do not belong to any faction as some councilors have alluded to, nor are we puppets being maneuvered by any political side.

We are not (and we stress not) part of any special interest group. Our interest is in the town. We are simply two concerned voters who expect an answer from the councilors we helped to elect.

So there may be no misunderstanding in what questions we've put before the council, we want to share them with you today.

1. Some councilors have stated there is not enough work for two health inspectors. If this is so, why did Mayor Johnson keep his position in the budget - WHY???

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2. Why did Councilor Thomas Ennis put a motion before the council to eliminate the funding for this position, and only this position? We don't understand his statement that this is an administrative decision, not his.

3. Did Councilors James Taylor, Edward Caba, Jessie Fuller, Richard Brindle, and George Bitzas know prior to the August 3rd council meeting of Councilor Ennis' intention to bring this motion before the council? If not, then why did they vote for so crucial an issue without asking why?

4. Can these six councilors substantiate factually that there is not enough work for two inspectors? Have food establishments (stores, markets, restaurants, churches, schools, Riverside, concession stands, etc., increased or decreased.

5. If saving money is the issue and we need to downsize (we have no objection to trimming the staff), were any other departments scrutinized as well? Was any thought given to consolidating jobs in other departments? Is making decisions like this fair and equitable throughout Town Hall?

6. What did the labor cost to plant the flowers that were donated to beautify the town?

7. Why did DPW Superintendent Stone need a new car? Could he have gone one more year with the vehicle he was using? Many of us have to go one more year with our car simply because our budget won't allow us to purchase a new one.

8. Why will \$20,000 be spent for a soccer concession stand? Please understand, we are not against sports, but can we afford this luxury at this time? We think not!

I guess we run our household budget different than the town. If you need a new coat for the winter, you make due with what you have or you purchase one you can afford. During economic times such as these, you don't purchase a mink coat.

We all have known family members or friends that have lost their jobs over the last two years. It has affected all of us. In most cases, companies made these decisions in order to survive during this recession. They certainly weren't easy decisions to make or implement. They were, however, made in a fair and equitable way. They explained their decisions to the employees that would lose their jobs.

They didn't single out one employee in one department and have him find out via television that he lost his job without giving one concrete reason why.

When something is wrong in our government, we can sit idly by and do nothing or we can say **enough is enough!** There is something I can do. We did just that in this case. We petitioned for a public hearing. Unfortunately, our questions were not answered. The only response received was arrogance.

The Town Charter allows the people another step in their quest to right a wrong. We have chosen to exercise Section 8-2 of the Town Charter - Citizen's Initiative Measure (pages c16-c17). We and several other concerned citizens are circulating a petition that we feel will address this issue.

All of this could have been avoided had six councilors answered our questions and substantiated their decision by solid facts. The people of Agawam deserve an answer publicly, not privately.

Who knows, we and many others may even agree with them. However, they never gave us the opportunity to find out.

**Jane Dennis
Anita McNamee
Both of Feeding Hills**

Resident Offers Support For Cut In Health Dept.

To The Editor:

I am writing to express my support of the budget cut in the Health Department for FY1993. I believe that this is a first step in reducing unnecessary personnel employed by the Town of Agawam.

I have seen in the *Union News* that Mayor Johnson is currently examining reorganization of the departments in the Town Hall. I would also like to point out that the Mayor did not veto the budget cut, which is within his powers.

I hope that those councilors who were courageous enough to take this controversial step will not be deterred by the negativism and hate-mongering which is being orchestrated at present.

We elected these officials to do their jobs; that is what they are doing. Keep up the good work, councilors.

**Yours truly,
Bob Perry
Agawam**

Hate-Mongering, Negativism Orchestrated On Health Cut

To The Editor:

In response to Anita L. McNamee's letter, you do not speak for all Agawam citizens. I, for one, am in favor of the cut. Why? Because I spoke to more than one councilor and received a list of reasons why the cut was necessary.

The democratic process says that we elect a governing body to represent the people. The councilors research the issues, discuss the pros and cons and put the question to a vote. What happened? They voted, and the minority refused to accept the decision. Those in favor of the cut are not foolish enough to think Agawam would not be affected by this recession.

Jane Dennis cited at the public hearing figures that seemed quite large, 456 inspections a year. There are only 150 places on record in Agawam to be inspected. These include video stores who sell boxed and bagged snacks, churches who hold dinners once a month, small chains such as Dairy Mart and, of course, restaurants.

The law states these establishments need only be inspected twice a year. That's 300 inspections. Our health department had to inspect three times last year to come up with 456. The average inspection in some of these places takes less than 15 minutes. To inspect these establishments over a year, means one inspector need only work a two-day week for a salary of \$32,000, and, we have two inspector positions on record.

Is that how our tax dollars are being spent? I'm thankful that our councilors discovered this discrepancy. This is not a personal issue but one of economics. During recessions everyone cuts back, as most public and private sectors do. Why should Agawam be any different?

The position is cut the same way it's being cut all over the nation. When work is lean, so are the jobs. Agawam is not a rich town. Can we afford to keep dead wood in our local government while state funding to schools and other service programs are being cut continuously year after year? A \$22,000 budget cut in the health department this fiscal year results in a \$36,000 savings each year thereafter that could be better spent elsewhere.

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To either of the Constables of the Town of Agawam

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote at

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- Precinct 5 - Benjamin J. Phelps School, School Street**
- Precinct 6 - James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street**
- Precinct 7 - Agawam Junior High School, Springfield Street**

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AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

**RICHARD M. THEROUX
TOWN CLERK**

LETTERS - from Page 6...

Before you judge our six councilors so harshly, think of all the Agawam taxpayers who have lost their jobs or were forced to make transfers to distant plants. Those of us (including myself) who have been laid off in the past year are quite aware of the situation this person is in. Like the rest of us, he, too, will have to bite the bullet and seek employment elsewhere.

I support my town councilors and the difficult decisions they are forced to make. Those who refuse to accept the decision are from this point on wasting taxpayer's dollars in an attempt to save one man's job.

If those individuals at the public hearing truly want to help this man, do it from the heart and through the churches, not from the taxpayer's dollar.

Cindy L. Sanford
Agawam

Support For Kateri Walsh
From Resident For Primary

To The Editor:

I sincerely hope that Kateri Walsh wins the primary this Tuesday. She has had to endure false accusations and distortions of her record.

The newspapers keep printing that her net worth is \$1.7 million. According to the Federal Trade Commission disclosure records, her net worth is \$530,000.

Her opponent keeps demanding that she disclose her federal tax return. However, he mails his tax return to one newspaper only, under the condition that they do not show it to anyone.

This same newspaper continues to print that Kateri Walsh received PAC money. But, in fact, she received \$400 three years ago which she returned and her opponent has received \$400,000 this year, which he has no intention of returning.

I hope that the voters see through these distortions and give Kateri their vote on Tuesday.

Sincerely yours,
Beverly Briggs
Feeding Hills

Retiring Letter Carrier Says
Thanks For Many Courtesies

To The Editor:

On the eve of my retirement, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you.

The kindness and courtesies shown me will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Harry C. Bregonzio
Letter Carrier Route 1
Feeding Hills

Richard Neal Always Proves
He Has Constituents In Mind

To The Editor:

Within the past few months, the boundaries of our Congressional District changed and Agawam is now represented by Congressman Richard Neal.

When I was Agawam's Postmaster, postal patrons would call on me to seek information or to help solve problems they were confronted with. I would direct them to Congressman Boland's office, which is in Springfield, or make the inquiry myself.

Being a former city councilman, many inquiries are still made of me regarding Social Security or other matters and I either refer them to Congressman Richard Neal's office or, if asked, I make the inquiry myself.

I can honestly say all the inquiries that the people or I made were handled professionally, courteously and efficiently by both former Congressman Edward Boland and Congressman Richard Neal or their staff.

I always felt the closeness of Agawam to Springfield so I was comfortable asking the inquiries or referring the people to the Congressional offices of Boland or Neal.

Now that Agawam is back in the 2nd Congressional District, I'm confident our citizens will continue to receive excellent service from Congressman Neal and his staff.

Robert R. DeForge
63 Clematis Road
Agawam

Fire-Wise

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Reporting A Fire...
Or Any Emergency

All too frequently we hear of tragic stories regarding people who call to report their house is on fire ... yet, in their fright, forget to tell the fire dispatcher their address. Others claim they called the fire department and the dispatcher kept them on the telephone asking questions.

However, what seems, at the time, like needless questions will actually aid the fire department in getting assistance quickly to your home.

• In the event you are in a residence or building that catches fire, evacuate the building and call the fire department (911) from a neighbor's telephone or nearby office building.

• When the dispatcher answers, inform him or her that you are reporting a fire emergency. Tell them your name. The dispatcher may ask you to spell your name.

• The dispatcher will request the telephone number you are calling from, in case of an accidental disconnection or if additional information is needed.

• Next, provide the dispatcher with the address of the fire and the nearest cross street, if known. (If you are in an unfamiliar area when you discover a fire and are unsure of the address, try to give the dispatcher specific landmarks [such as the name on an adjacent building] that will help the fire department locate the fire.)

• Stay on the telephone until the dispatcher completes the questioning and disconnects the call.

• In the event of a medical emergency, stay calm and give the dispatcher as much information as possible as to the nature of the medical emergency. Many dispatchers have special emergency medical training and may be able to provide you with some lifesaving techniques to use until emergency help arrives.

Emergency calls made the right way help save lives. False emergency calls made as a joke are crimes that cost lives. False alarms tie up emergency telephone lines and endanger emergency personnel driving to the scene.

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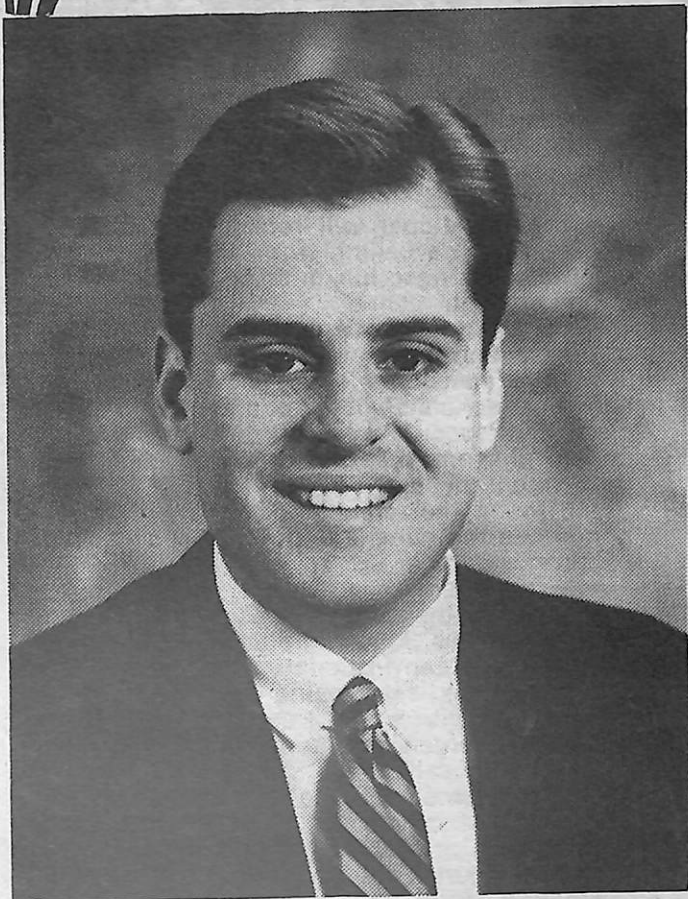
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Campaign '92

Congressional Candidate Ravosa Claims Incumbency Serves Special Interests In D.C.



ANTHONY RAVOSA, JR.

Anthony Ravosa, candidate for the second district Congressional seat in Massachusetts, issued the following press release this week:

"Bounced checks in the House band, drug sales in the House post office, unpaid restaurant tabs, outrageous perks and privileges—the entire Congressional system has clearly failed us. The power of incumbency simply promotes the self-serving interests of professional politicians on Capital Hill.

"With re-election percentages of 98% in 1988 and 96% in 1990, it is apparent that Congress is no longer the 'revolving citizen legislature' that it was intended to be," said Ravosa. "We must immediately reform both the institution and the electoral process if challenger candidates are to face a more level playing field when opposing incumbent members of Congress.

"An incumbent's opportunity to use taxpayer dollars through free mailings and Congressional office staff makes it nearly impossible to either successfully unseat them or effectively pressure them to remain responsive to the voters."

He continued, "To begin with, we must impose term limitation on members of Congress to 12 years in both the House and Senate. The President is limited in his term of office to prevent any one individual from holding power.

"At the same time, members of Congress have spent a lifetime on Capital Hill—Representative James Whitten, a Mississippi Democrat, was a sitting Congressman to cast a vote declaring war on the Japanese in 1941!"

Ravosa stated, "Although imposing term limitations requires the long and involved process of amending the Constitution, Congress can modify their own rules of order with a simple majority vote. Under the present structure of Congress, the real power lies with the Committee chairman—they control debate, establish the amendment process, and determine which bills are introduced to the House floor.

"I strongly support the Owens Resolution, which would limit to eight years the time a person may chair a House committee or subcommittee.

"The election of a public official should be a reflection of their ability to serve, not their ability to raise funds. With challengers typically outspent by a three-to-one margin or greater, and 91% of all Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions diverted to incumbents, Congressional campaigns must be subject to a cap on spending.

"As long as the wealthy elite alone can financially support a campaign, the wealthy elite alone will be represented in Congress," concluded Ravosa.

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Campaign '92 - continued...

Kateri Walsh Seeks Big Cut In Defense

Kateri Walsh, candidate for the Second Congressional District of Massachusetts, recently called for a 50% cut in the Defense Budget over the next four to five years to revive the economy and strengthen America's competitiveness in the global market.

"This conversion would shift money from the \$280 billion Defense Budget to the domestic agenda. We must act immediately to rebuild this nation and put our people back to work. This plan would involve active duty personnel, Department of Defense personnel, and defense industry workers.

"The goal would be to keep these people working and simultaneously rejuvenate our economic base. We must realize that our greatest threat to national stability no longer involves the military, it is our ability to compete in a world market," said Walsh.

"We can accomplish this goal by redeploying troops with specific training in education, health care, and law enforcement into hardship communities. We should utilize the talents and training of our military and Department of Defense personnel to rebuild America.

"While cities and towns are crumbling because they cannot afford teachers and police, we have an opportunity to cut the Defense budget and reuse this money to save America," stated Walsh.

"The Defense industry can help this nation become the economic world leader once again. We can take money away from the Defense Budget abroad and use it to retrain defense industry workers. We can utilize our technology and our research to find ways to revive our economy and compete worldwide.

"If we can build B-2 bombers, and nuclear bombs, then we can retrain our workers to find solutions to environmental problems, our health care crisis, and the loss of our manufacturing base," said Walsh.

"We are entering a new century with new challenges. We must be able to compete and the best way to achieve this is to convert the Defense industry into a peace-time economy. We can retrain and redeploy the talents of the military and the defense workers to help enhance human life," concluded Walsh.

Caplin Receives Business Women's Nod

The Springfield Business and Professional Women's organization announced the endorsement of Bill Caplin, candidate for the State Senate in the First Hampden District.

Rosemary Roper, state Political Action Committee chair, reported the decision to the Springfield BPW Board at the September meeting. BPW's National Legislative Platform calls for action against violence against women, pay equity,

reproductive freedom, and safe, affordable dependent care.

"Bill Caplin strongly supports issues that are critical to women in 1992. It is vital that our elected representatives support these issues. This is important to the thousands of Massachusetts BPW members and to all women in the workforce. In 1990, women comprised 45% of the workforce."

Agawam Crime Prevention...

Motor Vehicle Theft Marches On

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

Car theft is a multi-billion-dollar a year business that plagues the country and affects everyone either directly or indirectly. The popularity of this crime shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone if you consider the following: each theft represents a profit of somewhere between \$500 and \$50,000.

The business is tax-free, mobile, and has virtually no overhead. The average investment in terms of time is anywhere from 30 seconds to five minutes. The cars are often left in dark places, doors unlocked, and keys in the ignition.

Top all this off with the fact that even when people see suspicious activity, they don't report it, and bingo ... you have instant success.

When all the above facts are considered, it's fairly easy to see that we, as citizens, are at least

partly to blame for the car theft epidemic. While we may not be able to eliminate the problem, we could certainly put a dent in it.

More preventive measures are common sense-oriented and take nothing more than sensible safety precautions.

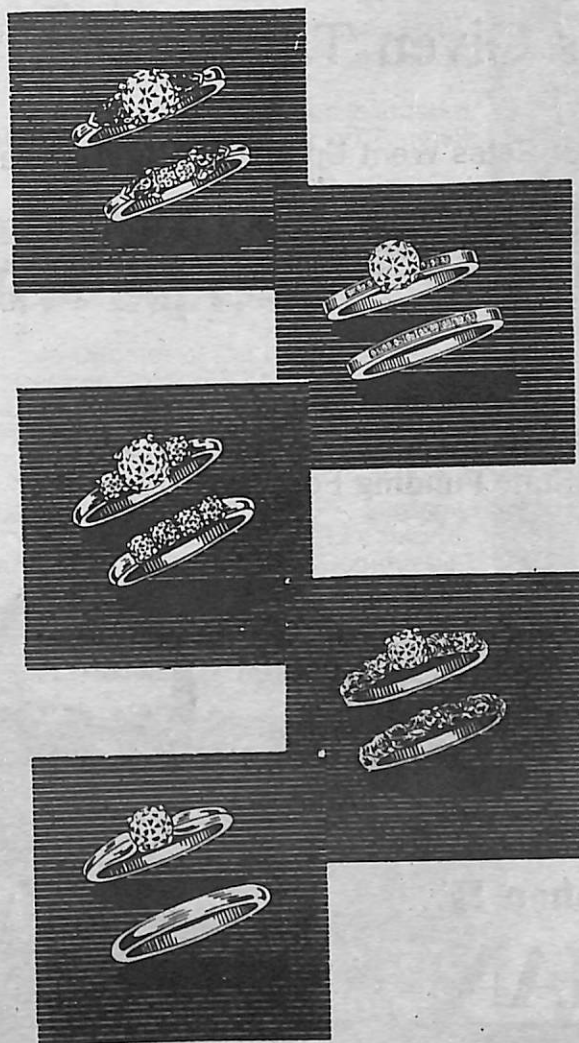
In order that we may stem the tide of the current rash of car thefts in Agawam, please consider the following preventive measures:

- When out at night in the car, park in well-lit areas, close windows, lock doors, and put keys in your pocketbook or pocket.

SEE WAYNE MACEY - Page 10...

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Agawam Police Dept. Weekly Arrest Blotter

On August 23rd, **Brad R. Noble**, of no known address, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Edward Officer.

On August 24th, **Peter Rice**, 26 Melrose Place, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Holyoke Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Tom Marmo and Detective Stanley Chmielewski Jr.

On August 24th, **Shawn Berry**, 671 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Donald Loncto and Steve Grasso.

On August 24th, **Chris T. Hoague**, 74 Springfield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Joe Edwards.

On August 24th, **Kevin Stanley**, of no known address, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Joe Edwards.

On August 24th, **Paul Zadie**, 49 Gold Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and trespassing. Arresting officers were Detective Tom Marmo, Steve Grasso, and Edward Connor.

On August 25th, **Mark Zadie**, 49 Gold Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person and trespassing. Arresting officers were Edward Connor, Steve Grasso, and Detective Tom Marmo.

On August 25th, **Francis Rodriguez**, 36A Bancroft Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Richard Light Jr. and Gary O'Brien.

On August 25th, **Jennifer Chao**, 132 Yale Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Richard Conlon Jr.

On August 26th, **Carlo Romeo**, 222 Corey Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with simple assault & battery. Arresting officers were Paul Murphy and Mark Pfau.

SEE POLICE BLOTTER - Page 11...

Councilors Receive Tour Of Rte. 57 Site



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL received a tour of the Route 57 construction site near Mill Street last week. From left - Councilor Thomas Ennis; Chris Donnellon, representing U.S. Rep. Richard Neal; James Taylor, Route 57 chairman; Richard Brindle, Jessie D. Fuller, and George Bitzas, town councilors; Stanley J. Chmielewski, chief of police; and Sergeant Al Longhi, safety officer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

CRIME PREVENTION - from Page 9...

- When at home, park cars in the garage when possible and at least close to the house when no garage exists.

- Never, never, never leave your car running while going into a store for a short time. As strange as it seems, people lose their cars to theft in this manner every day.

- Anti-theft devices come in a variety of prices and forms. They should be considered, depending on the price of your investment. They are all of some value, and the price can be offset by insurance savings over a number of years.

- Lastly, and most importantly, report all suspicious observations immediately to your police department. I cannot overemphasize the importance of the eyes and ears of the public.

In the past few weeks, we have had a number of plainclothes officers working all-night shifts in random areas of town. While we have met with some success in the form of arrests for car theft, the problem continues to exist.

Our ultimate success will be realized only when we work together to maximize the efforts of the car thief, while at the same time minimize their gain.

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The Voters Have Given Senator Melconian 10 Years In Office — In Return, Senator Melconian Has Given The Voters:

- 1) **Increases In Auto Insurance** 7 Out Of 10 Of Those Years!
(She Touted Her 1988 Auto Reform Bill As "Monumental." Our Rates Went Up 3 Times Under That Bill!)
- (Insurance Companies Contribute Thousands to Senator Melconian.)
- 2) **1991 Increase In Medex** For The Elderly — Another 30% Increase Is Pending!
- 3) **Long Lines At Registry Of Motor Vehicles!**
- 4) **Memorial Bridge** — In Unreasonably Prolonged Disrepair!
- 5) **Route 57** — In Unreasonably Prolonged Disrepair!
- 6) **Route 5 Underpass** — In Unreasonably Prolonged Disrepair!

(In May 1991, Senator Melconian Failed To File An Amendment To A 5B Transportation Bill - Said Amendment Would Have Obtained Federal And State Funding For Our Bridge And Road Repairs.)

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POLICE BLOTTER - from Page 10...

On August 26th, **John M. Breton**, 24 Dwight Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with outstanding Amherst and Westfield Police Department warrants. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Edward Connor.

On August 27th, **Christopher Banas**, 101 Miller Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officer was Mark Pfau.

On August 28th, **Randy L. Bousquet**, 8 Hampden Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser and Mark Ceccarini.

On August 28th, **Robert W. Menard**, 42 Tina Lane, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Jim Lewis and Harold Jarvis.

On August 28th, **Roland Talbot**, 7 Hebron Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Steve Draghetti.

On August 28th, **Jasper Elder**, 160 Point Grove Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Mark Poirrier.

On August 28th, **Jeffrey McCorsion**, 22 Mountainview Road, Wheatogue, CT, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Walter Zymroz.

On August 28th, **Richard Paulsa Jr.**, 15 Worthen Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged

ed with driving while under the influence of alcohol and failure to stay within marked lanes. Arresting officers were Steve Grasso and Steve Draghetti.

On August 29th, **Edwin J. Strycharz Jr.**, 15 Edendale Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Paul Murphy.

On August 29th, **Gary Clark**, 15 Edendale Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Paul Murphy.

On August 30th, **Darren Brown**, 97 Channell Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Ben Moore.

On August 31st, **Andrew Blue**, 77 Catherine Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and attempted larceny over \$250. Arresting officers were Richard Light Jr., Edward Connor, Mark Pfau, Richard Conlon Jr., and Sergeant Donald Loncto.

On August 31st, **Clarence Smith**, 52 Mapledale Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person, and attempted larceny over \$250. Arresting officers were Richard Light Jr., Edward Connor, Mark Pfau, Richard Conlon Jr., and Sergeant Donald Loncto.

On September 1st, **Richard Fortin Jr.**, 70 Hill Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Depart-

ment. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon Jr. and Edward Connor.

On September 1st, **Ellen Lane**, 308 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with operating after revocation. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Gary O'Brien.

On September 2nd, **Dennis Becker**, 28 Karen Lynn Circle, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, operating after suspension, assault & battery on a police officer, failure to stay within marked lanes, and failure to submit. Arresting officers were Jim Donovan and Keith Bopko.

On September 3rd, **Michael Feeney**, 6 Paul Revere Drive, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Mark Ceccarini and Eric Lottermoser.

On September 3rd, **Shawn Berry**, 671 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Richard Light Jr.

On September 5th, **David Cuddemi**, 397 Springfield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Walter Zymroz, Keith Bopko, and Mark Ceccarini.

On September 6th, **Thomas Mulrooney**, 770 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250. Arresting officers were Detective Anthony Malone and Detective Wayne Macey.

Public Can Take Tour Of New County Jail

Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. has announced that an Open House for the general public to view the new Hampden County Jail and House of Correction will be held on Saturday, September 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Open House tour lasts approximately one hour. The route of the tour was designed to give a comprehensive and representative viewing of the facility while, at the same time, attempting to assure a steady flow through the facility because of expected large crowds.

All areas in the Open House tour are on the first floor, so that no stair climbing is entailed.

For security reasons, absolutely no cameras will be allowed into the facility, except for those operated by properly credentialed members of the media.

Also, for security reasons, no weapons will be allowed in the facility.

Absolutely no one will be admitted to the facility after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday or after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The new jail and House of Correction is located in the Northwest section of Ludlow on Randall Road.

Manage Accountants To Meet Sept. 9th

The Springfield Chapter of the IMA (Institute of Management Accountants) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 9th, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Storrowton Tavern & Carriage House, Eastern States Grounds (1305 Memorial Avenue), West Springfield.

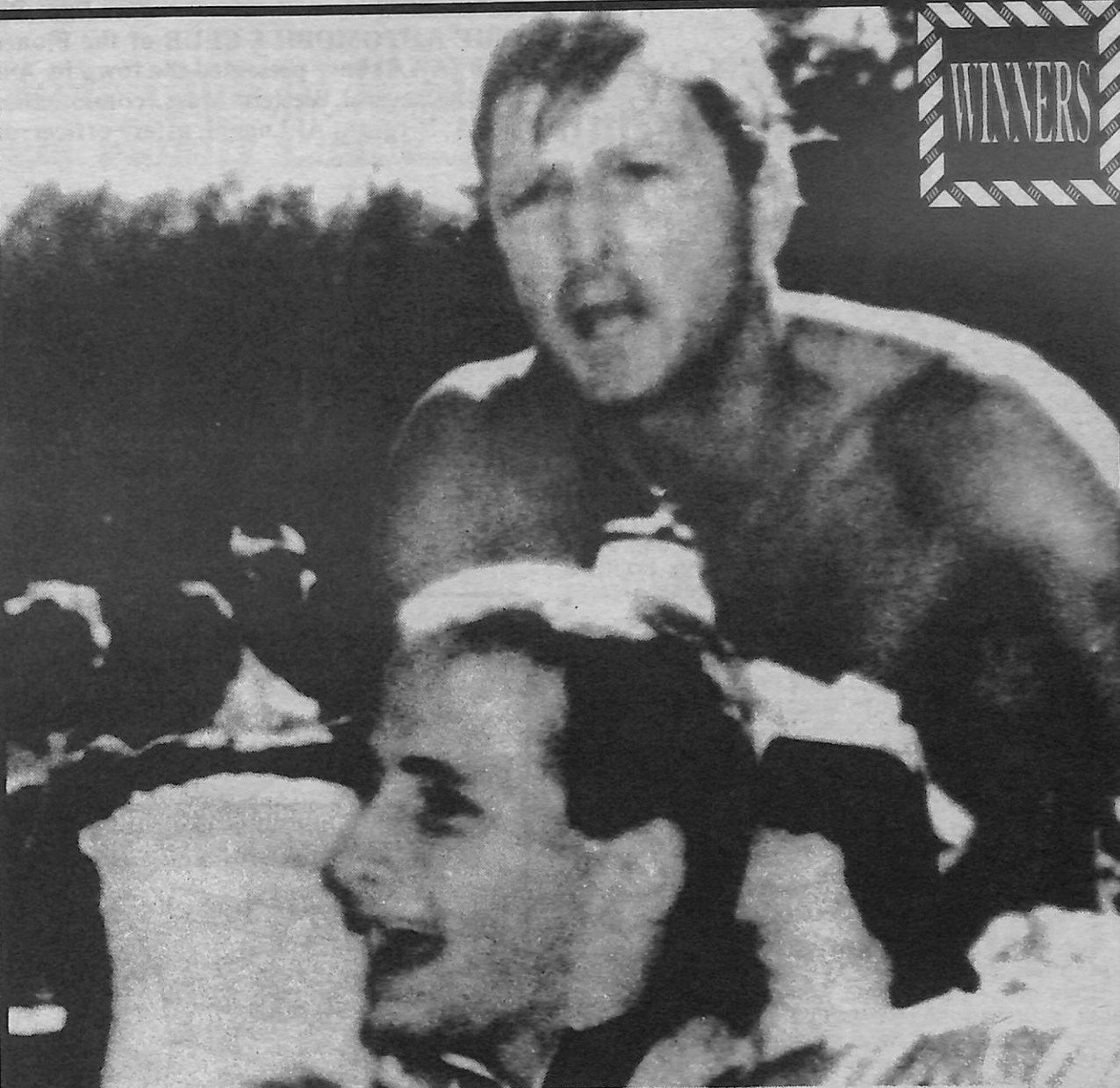
The speaker will be Edward "Zeb" Hastings, Senior Vice-President of Commercial Lending for Shawmut Bank. His topic will be "Commercial Lending in Western Massachusetts."

The cost to attend this event is \$10, students; \$13, ELA; and \$15, members. Guests are welcome. Contact Peter Hanson at (413) 786-2355 for reservations.

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Rick and I have competed in over 48 marathons and 75 triathlons, nationally and internationally. We recently completed a 45-day cross-country trip. We biked 75 miles and ran five miles each day, working with our family and other supporters to launch the Hoyt Fund. The Fund will work to provide equality and acceptance at every level of society for people with disabilities everywhere.

This is our important work and we plan to go on with it until the job is done...because open minds and open hearts will provide the opportunity that all people deserve and need to develop their full human potential.

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BRENDA GARTON

Brenda Garton Guest Of Ag. Women's Club

Brenda Garton-Sjoberg, newscaster for TV Channel 22, will discuss her trip to Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War and reporting the Democratic National Convention at the initial fall meeting of the Agawam Women's Club, September 14th, at St. John's Church Social Center.

A welcoming tea for guests and prospective members is set for 7:30 p.m., preceding the meeting and speaker at 8:00 p.m. Activities for the fall will be announced, according to Elaine Smith, president.

Beverly Boudreau, program chairperson, will introduce Garton, who has been a co-anchor with the NewsCenter 22 team since May, 1989 for the 5:30, 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. newscasts.

A native of Indiana and graduate of Ball State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Telecommunications and a minor in Political Science, she won two Associated Press Awards before moving to Agawam.

One was for Investigative Reporting and one in the category of Individual Reporting. She will discuss her position and what her work day is like.

Peggy Lepper's refreshment committee for the event consists of Margaret Jerry, Monique Comon, Rae Bean, Alice Buell, Gretchen Schmidt, Ann Jackobek and Linda Bryskiewicz.

Cub Scout Pack 85 Plans Sign-Ups

Cub Scout Pack 85 will have two sign-up nights during September.

Boys interested in Cub Scouting should be at least in first grade to be eligible.

Sign-ups will be held at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street on Tuesday, September 15th and 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Scouting is a wonderful opportunity for boys to learn and experience many new things. Parents are urged to at least come and talk to one of the leaders on either night.

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Auto Club Of Pioneer Valley Names Town



THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB of the Pioneer Valley and the American Automobile Association (AAA) have presented the town its Annual Pedestrian Protection Award. The town was among several Western Mass. communities receiving the award. From left - Joan Bessette, AAA; Sergeant Al Longhi, safety officer; and Stanley J. Chmielewski, chief of police. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Junior Women's Club Display Case Featured In Sept. At Public Library

During the month of September, the display cases at the Agawam Public Library is featuring information about the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

For 35 years, the club has served the community in a wide variety of ways. On display is material regarding the club's current and historical activities and projects, as well as trophies and citations won for projects in 1991.

Included is information about projects such as the D.A.R.E. walkathon, the Safety Bus Tour, Holi-

day Baskets, and others. Craft projects, which members have made following a demonstration, are also being shown.

Anyone interested in more information about the club, please contact Liz Taylor at 789-1320, or come to the club's membership meeting on September 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

The display can be viewed during library hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Speaking From The Bible... A Time To Consider

by Tom Crouse, Assistant Pastor
Faith Bible Church, 370 Shoemaker Ln.

Fall is a beautiful time of year. It is a time when kids go back to school, and a time when adults will usually evaluate their lives.

During the fall, many people have the desire to change careers or go back to college; others become determined to get back to church on a more frequent basis. It is those people in the latter category whom I want to speak to in this article.

Pastor Dave Lanquist, myself, and other Bible-believing pastors have written articles in this newspaper, week after week, explaining exactly what it is that Jesus Christ did for you ... telling you week in and week out how you can be saved from Hell, and how you can have a life that is full of the peace that only God gives His children.

There have been some very creative and interesting articles written, and they were all backed up by Scripture from God's Word, so you would not think that it's just someone's opinion. Our goal has been that you would realize the helpless state you are presently in, and the way out of that state that is available only through Jesus Christ.

As I come to write another article, I just want you to consider one thing. As you look to improve your standing in life, as you search for something more, as you determine to get back to some type of religious routine, consider this: **Jesus Christ rose from the dead.**

There is no other object of worship that can make this claim. Buddha did not rise from the dead; Mohammed did not rise from the dead; Joseph Smith (the guru of the Mormons) did not rise from the dead. This is to name just a few because there are many other objects of worship today in many religions, but the difference is **only Jesus Christ rose from the dead.**

Ask your local religious leader—be it in your church or in your home—to come up with evidence that their object of worship rose from the dead. Have them prove it to you.

The Bible tells me that Jesus rose from the dead and was seen by over 500 people (1 Cor. 15: 1-8). Shouldn't that make you stop and think?

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BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Published: September 10, 1992

LEGAL NOTICE

Fall Sunday School To Open Sept. 13th

Fall Sunday School will reopen and Covenant Walkers will preach at Agawam United Methodist Church this Sunday (September 13th) at 9:30 a.m.

Lillian Haidemenos and Jean Hill, Co-Superintendents of Studies, have invited all children through grade six to come and register, as the Attendance Contest begins Sunday. Also, teachers will be consecrated and Bibles will be presented to beginning third graders.

Sunday's sermon will be brought by the Covenant Walkers under the leadership of The Rev. Eric Swankfeld, Pastor of the Uncasville, CT, United Methodist Church. The Walkers are passing through Agawam on a 1,500-mile trek to dramatize a pact between New England United Methodists and the Church of Christ in Nicaragua.

Pastor Laurence Hill will lead the Worship Service.

The Agawam United Methodist Church will start baking its famous homemade apple pies on Tuesday (September 15th) in preparation for the opening of its Food Booth at the Eastern States Exposition on Wednesday (September 16th).

Marjorie Barr is coordinator of the Bakers Group. The booth is opposite the Rhode Island Building at "The Big E."

Agawam United Methodist Church is on Route 57, across from Agawam High School. The public is always invited and urged to call Pastor Laurence Hill, 786-5278, or Lay Leader Percy Mickey, 786-7991, for information.

Dante Club In W.Side Has Family Picnic

"Discover the Dante Club" is the Columbus Day-inspired theme of a family picnic for Dante Club members, their families, and guests on Sunday, September 13th.

A full menu of Italian and American picnic favorites (as well as entertainment for children and adults) is planned for the picnic, which will be held from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Elks Club Pavilion at 428 Morgan Road in West Springfield.

The picnic menu includes sausage, meatballs, pasta, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, corn, salads and desserts. Entertainment planned throughout the day will include pony rides, horseshoes, volleyball, clowns, music, dancing, games, and access to playground facilities at the pavilion.

"This is being planned as a day for the families and friends of the Dante Club to relax, eat well, and enjoy themselves," said club president David Brosseau. "There will be something for everyone."

Dante Club members have been encouraged to fill out and return the forms mailed to them as soon as possible if they plan to attend the picnic. Members who did not receive a picnic flyer or need additional information can call the club at 734-9301.

There is a \$10 per family charge for the picnic, which includes all food and entertainment.

Ag. Congregational Back On Fall Schedule

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces that its Worship Service is back to the fall schedule beginning this Sunday, September 13th. The services will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The Wednesday Night Service is back to 7:00 p.m. with the R.E.L.A.T.E. series following at 7:30 p.m.

Choir practice for the Sanctuary Choir & Jr. Choir begins this week. Sanctuary Choir will meet on Thursday nights beginning this week September 10th at 7:00 p.m. The Junior Choir will meet on Saturdays beginning this week September 12th at 9:00 a.m. All children welcome.

There will be a new member class Sunday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m. The three session class will cover the history and polity and mission programs for the local area, national, and world mission programs. All are invited to attend these inspiring and informative meetings.

PLAYGROUPS begin September 16th & 17th, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Infants to five years old. Enjoy fellowship with other mothers, grandparents and caregivers. For more information, call Sue Tapply, 786-1430.

CHURCH SCHOOL begins Sunday, September 20th. Classes for grades seven through 12 and adults will be at 9:15 a.m.

Crib Room, Nursery and grades kindergarten through sixth will be at 10:30 a.m. For more information and registration, please call the church office at 786-7111.

456 Club (fourth, fifth, and sixth graders) will have an Orientation Night Friday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room located downstairs in the church.

All fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are invited to join us for refreshments, activities and fun. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting. For more information or questions, please call Grace Tilden at 786-3942 or Peggy Webb at 786-5279.

HELP FOR THE FLORIDA HURRICANE VICTIMS: The church is now a drop off for items (bottled water, batteries, flash lights, household tools, baby items, etc.) to be sent to Florida. These items will be transported by an air cargo plane from Westover.

Any questions, please call Lori Greaney at 789-2773 or the church office at 786-7111.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16, 1992 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of STANLEY ZUCKER who is seeking to amend a Special Permit, Case No. 1263, which would allow for the retention of an overhead door at the premises identified as 53 RAMAH CIRCLE SOUTH.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
Ronald Hebert, Chairman
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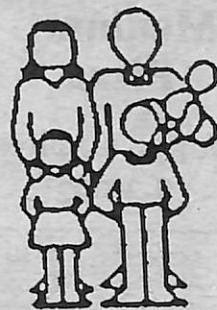


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Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 14th: Tomato & zucchini soup, stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, September 15th: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, acorn squash, whole wheat bread, prunes.

Wednesday, September 16th: Baked chicken leg, oven browned potatoes, tossed salad, pumpernickel bread, date & strawberry square.

Thursday, September 17th: Salisbury steak, parsleyed noodles, carrot coins, Canadian oat bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, September 18th: Salmon patty, mashed potatoes, yellow squash, oatmeal bread, tapioca pudding.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Desmarais Family Announces Birth Of New Son, Steven

Michael and Ellen Desmarais of Castlegate Drive, Springfield, announce the birth of their son, Steven Dominick Desmarais, who was born on July 5th, 1992.

He weighed eight pounds and measured 22 inches long. Steven was welcomed home by his 17 month-old sister, Kristen Marie.

Proud grandparents are Moe and Ruby Desmarais of Agawam, and Joanne and Dominick Parisi of Maine. Great-grandparents are Thomas Schmoyer of Westfield, Joseph and Phyllis Sullivan of East Longmeadow, and Mrs. and Mrs. Parisi of Florida.

F.H. Congregational Again At Big E

Feeding Hills Congregational Church will be operating their restaurant for the 33rd consecutive year in the lower meeting room of Old Storowton Church at the Eastern States Exposition.

Complete dinners, including roast beef, chicken pie, breast of capon, ham, and meat loaf are served every day from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Perry McCobb will again be co-ordinating the project. Linda Edelman and Carol Taylor are on personnel. Jeff Hill is the treasurer and Don Hayes, Ernest Swanson, Hollis Kane, Betty Kopy, and Pastor Jim Moore will be preparing the food at the Feeding Hills kitchen.

The Sunday School Teachers/Board of Christian Education of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church welcomes all children and youth from kindergarten through seventh grade to the beginning of the 1992-93 Sunday School year.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growing together as we study, participate in many activities, and have fun in the process.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. Bring all the members of the family, your friends and neighbors as we celebrate our faith, sing joyous songs, get reacquainted with old friends and meet new friends.

Feeding Hills Congregational Church is in Feeding Hills Center at 21 North Westfield Street. Everyone is welcome.

If you have questions, please call Pastor Jim Moore, 786-5061.

* CORRECTION: *

In the last three issues of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, the full-page ad for "High Performance" School of Dance and Modeling had a mistake regarding owner/instructor Lori Andruss-Boyle.

The ad stated that Ms. Andruss-Boyle was the "Director of Miss America" Pageant; instead, it should have read "Director of Miss Agawam" Pageant.

Happy 100th, Margaret



MARGARET GRIFFIN has been attending card parties at Feeding Hills Grange for more years than anyone can remember. On August 24th she celebrated her 100th birthday in her hometown of Simsbury. The Feeding Hills Grange all celebrated and played cards with Margaret on September 3rd. The group shared a delicious cake, decorated just for her. Advertiser

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Agawam Obituaries

Beatrice M. Bentley

Beatrice M. "Nana" (Bohan) Bentley, 84, of 306 Cooper Street, Agawam, a retired machine operator at the former Wallace Manufacturing Co. in Enfield, died in a local nursing home. She retired in 1973.

She worked previously as a machine operator at the former Westinghouse Corp. plant in Springfield. She had 28 years of combined service.

Born in Manchester, N.H., she attended parochial schools there, and moved to Springfield in 1945. She lived here from last January.

Her husband, William E. Bentley, died in 1947. She leaves a daughter, Patricia A. Ramah of Springfield, and a granddaughter, Deborah Ramah-Raby of Agawam, with whom she made her home.

Another daughter, Virginia L. Bentley, died last January, and a granddaughter, Linda Peloquin, in 1990.

A graveside service was conducted at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield, and a memorial service will be conducted in St. Anthony's Church at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brightside for Families and Children, Riverdale Road, West Springfield, 01089. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Ethel Oppenheimer

Ethel Oppenheimer, 97, of Blacksmith Road, Feeding Hills, a self-employed registered nurse, died recently in a local nursing home.

She specialized in infant care for more than 60 years.

Born in Manhattan, New York City, she lived there as a child, and also in Sayville, Long Island, for most of her life. She moved to Feeding Hills eight years ago.

A private funeral was conducted at Curran-Jones Funeral Home in West Springfield, with burial at the family's convenience.

Oppenheimer leaves several nieces and nephews, including John Butler of Feeding Hills.

Marian L. Kovalchick

Marian L. "Betty" (Miller) Kovalchick, 70 of 224 Silver Street died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Wilstone, England, she emigrated to this country in 1947, and settled here 41 years ago. She worshipped at First Baptist Church.

She leaves her husband of 47 years, Steven S. Kovalchick; a son, Stephen J. of Chicago; three daughters, Lynda F. Dallapegorara of Agawam, Leslie J. Moriarty of Lenox, and Joy A. McMahon of Agawam; a brother, Benjamin of England, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was Colonial Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Francis G. Lowell Jr.

Francis G. Lowell Jr., 41, of 10 Paul Revere Drive, in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam, a math tutor for junior high school students, died recently at home.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam the past 38 years and was graduated from Agawam High School. He received his bachelor of arts degree in math from Western New England College in Springfield. He was a photography enthusiast and a member of a photography club in Westfield.

He leaves his mother, Claire R. (Benjamin) Lowell of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

George Grover

George K. Grover, 73, of 33 Channell Drive, a retired 30-year employee of Agnoli Sign Co. in Springfield, died recently in Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

He retired in 1981. Born in the city, he lived in West Springfield before moving here in 1950. He was a World War II Navy veteran, and served in the Pacific.

He leaves a brother, Robert of West Springfield; two sisters, Virginia DeLodge of Cheshire, Conn., and Olive Wood of Springfield, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and St. Thomas's Church, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 525 East St., Pittsfield, MA 01201.

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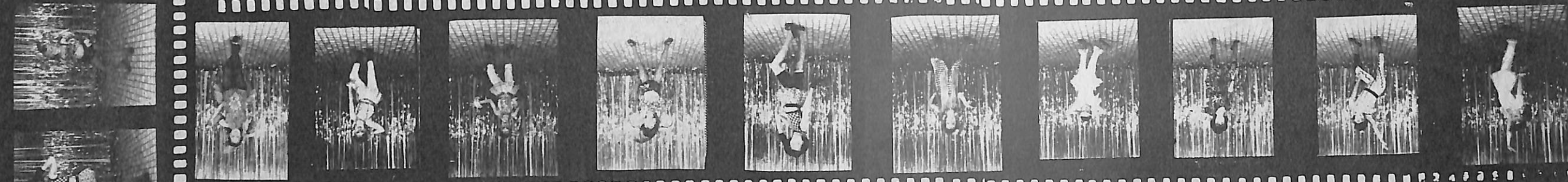
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Fall Schedule Back At 1st Baptist Church

All are welcome for Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. on September 13th as the First Baptist Church returns from its Summer Schedule.

Dr. Morris will preach on "How The Dawn Came," a story of the Christian faith. The message will be interspersed with hymns and conclude with Homer Wright's solo, "The Stranger of Galilee." The senior choir will sing.

Following a time of fellowship, Church School Classes will meet. There will be four classes for children, three classes for youth, and two adult classes. Everett Hodge will lead an adult discussion on "Commandments for Christian Living," and Pastor Morris will teach a course on "The Life of Christ."

A luncheon will be held in Bodurtha Hall at 11:45 a.m. All are welcome to participate in this beginning of a new year. There will also be tours of the refurbished Sunday School rooms in Worthington Hall. If you do not have a Church Home, we welcome you.

At 6:00 p.m., the parents of our youth will meet in Davis Hall under the leadership of Youth Director Dave Anderson.

Jr. Women Make Puppets For Hospital

Members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club have gotten together this past summer and made 58 hand puppets which have been donated to the Pediatric AIDS Clinic at Baystate Medical Center.

The soft fleece puppets were designed by club member Patti Dionne, and were cut, sewn, and hand-painted by club members.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts (of which the Agawam club is a member) has chosen Pediatric AIDS as the State Junior Project for 1992-1994.

Earlier in the year, the Agawam Juniors donated books and cleaned stuffed animals for the clinic at Baystate. In the future, the club plans to continue to provide support to the patients at the clinic.

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BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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Forastiere Funeral Homes Again Offering Bi-Annual Grief Workshop At St. John's

The Forastiere Family Funeral Homes will be offering their bi-annual "Grief Workshop" series for anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one, on Wednesdays September 23rd, 30th, October 7th and 14th, at St. John the Evangelist Church, in the Parish Center, 823 Main Street, Agawam.

The Series was designed exclusively for the Forastiere Family Homes as part of their "OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow" emotional support program for people following the death of loved ones.

Lila Forastiere, Staff Grief Consultant, developed the workshop four years ago and had conducted it twice each year ever since. It has enjoyed continual growth and acclaim, having aided hundreds of bereaved people in our communities.

The focus of the workshop is to help bereaved people understand themselves and their families during their grief process, learn ways to cope with their daily living, and look toward their futures

with renewed hope.

Forastiere stresses that "understanding is the key to a healthy journey through grief; it's the important first step. The workshop can't take away the pain, but it often softens that pain and lessens its duration."

The workshop is a series, with one session building upon another; it is, therefore, necessary that participants are present for all four evenings.

This series is one of the many "Caring Programs" developed by the Forastiere, Colonial and Southwick Funeral Homes and is offered FREE OF CHARGE to anyone whose loved one has died.

Mrs. Forastiere urges anyone who is grieving a loss of less than two years to take advantage of this community service program. She suggests that participants be beyond three months of bereavement.

Pre-registration is required, as enrollment will be limited. Call 733-5311 to register.



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750 Turn Out For Pietroniro Fundraiser



AN ELVIS IMPERSONATOR hams it up with Feeding Hills resident Richard Karam, a member of the organizing committee for the Michael Pietroniro Trust Fund. About 750 people showed up for a dinner/fundraiser at Chez Josef on August 27th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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MICHAEL PIETRONIRO and his father, Vincent, accept a plaque from Mayor Christopher C. Johnson at Chez Josef on August 27th. Michael is being held by his nurse, Kim Ferris. MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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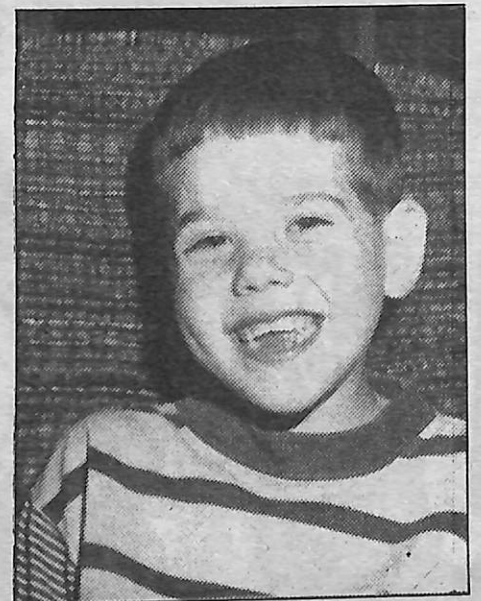
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750 At Chez Josef For Michael Pietroniro



MICHAEL PIETRONIRO and his father, Vincent, look over a newspaper display at Chez Josef before the beginning of a huge fundraiser on Michael's behalf on August 27th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE for the huge fundraiser for Michael Pietroniro at Chez Josef included, back row - Emily Crough, Janet Shean, Diane Penna, and Susan Shaw. Front row - Donna Kerley, Sue Hearn, and Rich & Kathy Karam. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Michael is pictured with members of his family at the Chez Josef dinner/fundraiser. **RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 19.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



"Fit A Thon" Slated For Pietroniro Fund

Fitness First will proudly sponsor a "Fit-A-Thon" to benefit Michael J. Pietroniro, a six year-old Agawam boy who has a serious seizure disorder.

Michael underwent implant surgery last month as well as five previous brain surgeries to try to correct his disorder. For Michael to lead a somewhat normal life, he will need to replace the plate in his chest every two years for the rest of his life. These medical bills will be astronomical for the family to bear.

Fitness First will be holding its "Fit-A-Thon" to help the Pietroniro family defray some of those escalating costs. The public is welcome to visit the health club and participate in the fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday, September 12th, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fitness First's goal is to raise at least \$2,000 to assist the Pietroniro family. Sponsored events will include a "Sponsor-a-Step" aerobics class, Cardiovascular Challenges in the fitness center (on the Lifesteps, Lifecycles, Treadmills, Windracers, and Stairmasters), a Bench Press Contest in the free weight room (by weight class), and the club nursery will be holding a "Healthy Foods Bake Sale."

Pledge sheets are available at Fitness First, or can be mailed to you by calling 786-1460. Preregistration is required for the STEP class and the Cardiovascular Challenge, since steps and equipment are limited.

There is a minimum of \$50 in pledges to enter each event, and all monies will be due that day. All proceeds and guest fees collected will go to the Michael Pietroniro Trust Fund.

Fitness First tote bags will be awarded to participants who raise the most money in each area of the club. The club is looking for the entire community to commit themselves to Michael's health and well being on Saturday, September 12th.

Disabled Of WMass To Meet Sept. 14th

Disabled of Western Massachusetts, Inc. will be holding their next monthly meeting on September 14th at 7:30 p.m.

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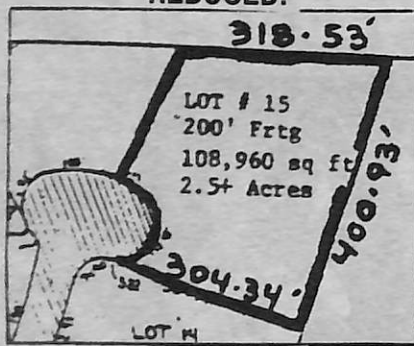
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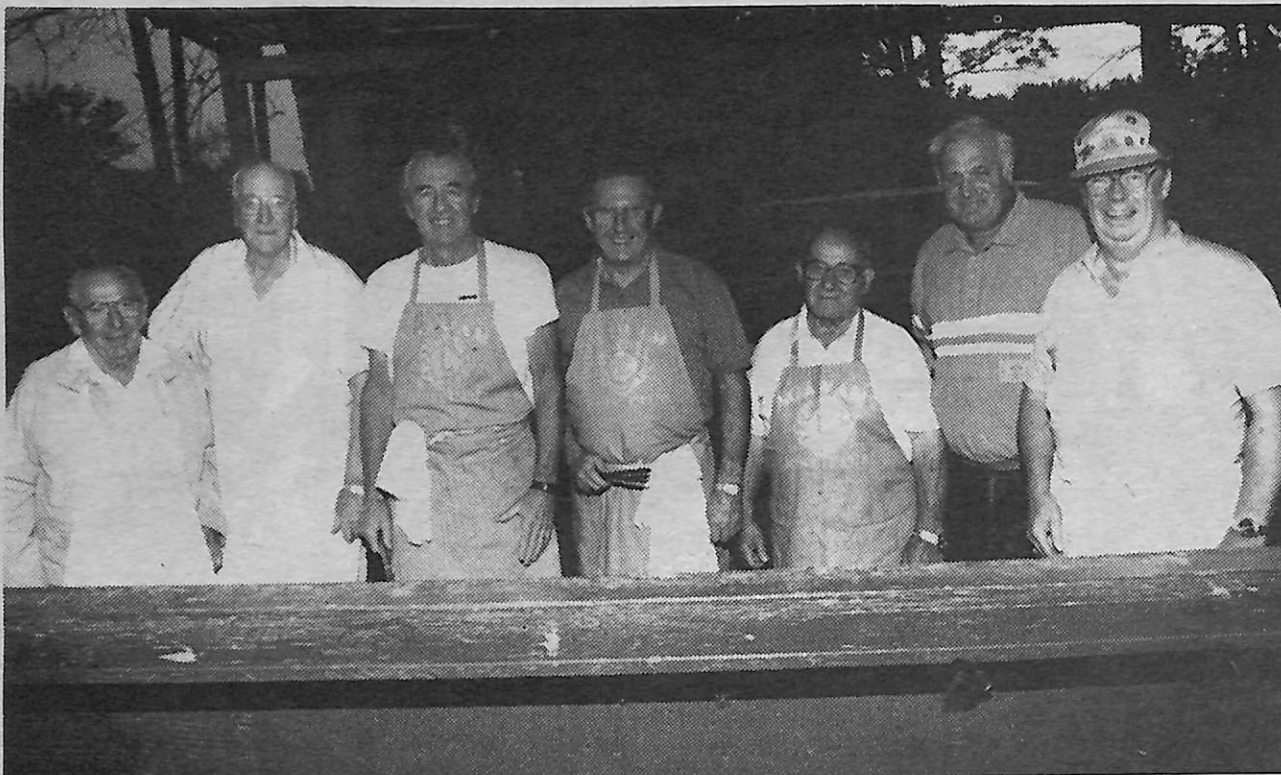
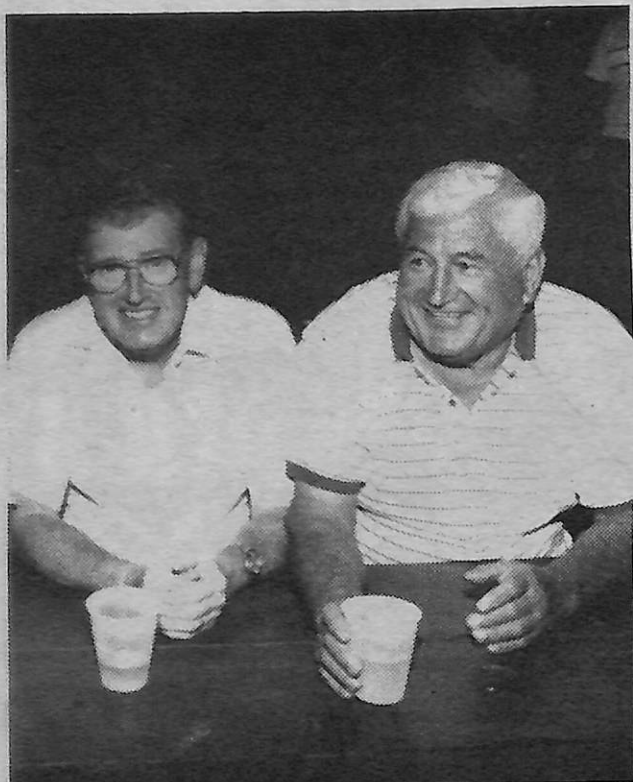
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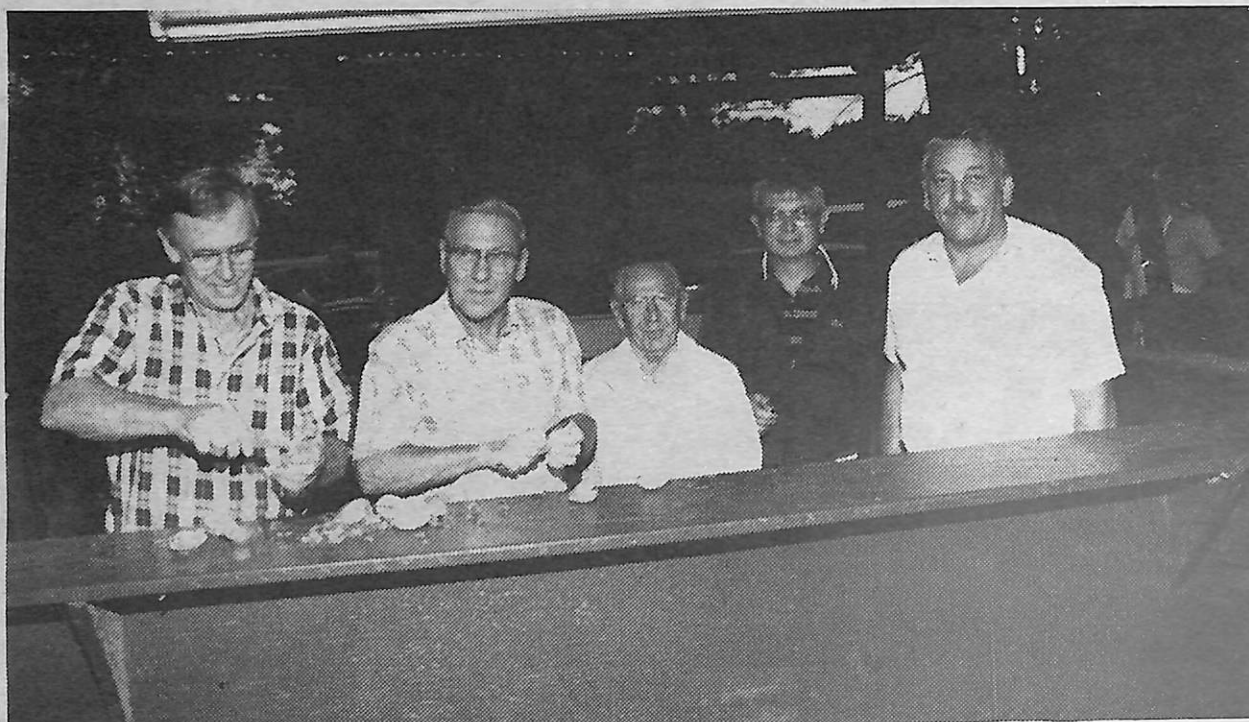
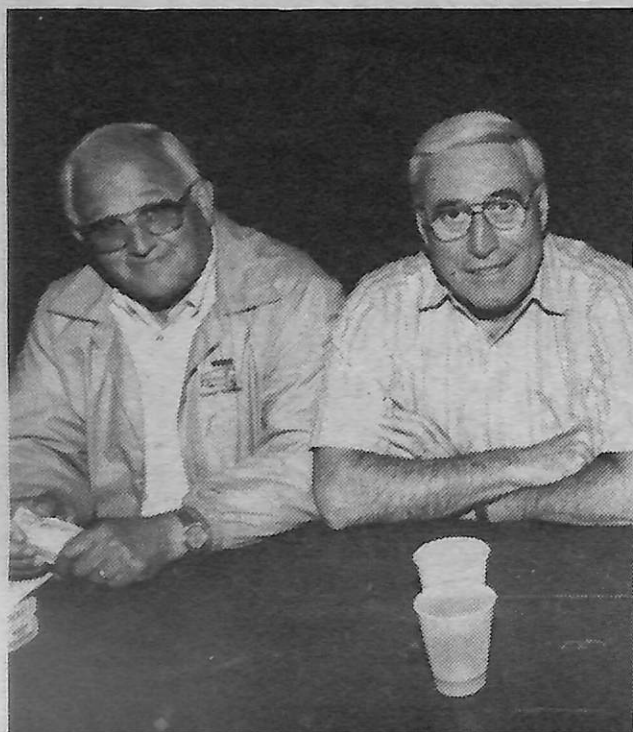
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Annual Clam Bake For Agawam Lions



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB held its Annual Member Clam Bake at the Polish American Club. From left - Robert Watson, Charlie Calabrese, Joe DePalo, Tom Hyland, John Negrucchi, Paul Fieldstad, Frank Chriscola, George Collins, and Jim Loomis. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS enjoy their Annual Clambake. From left - Jim Votzak, Ed Disco, Roger Jones (president), Raymond Favreau, Joe DePalo, Matt Blackak, and John Stokowski.

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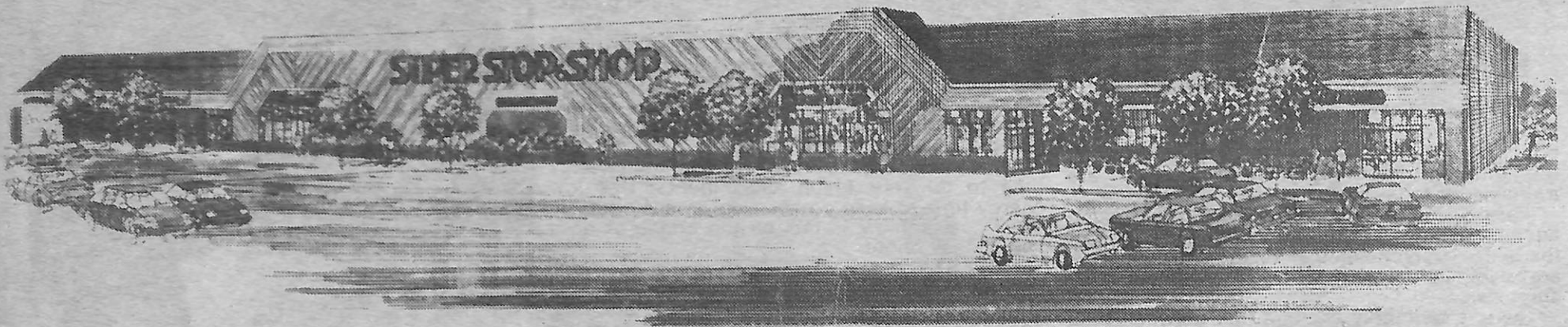
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Spotlight On Business



AN ARTIST'S RENDERING of the planned Super Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills.

Super Stop & Shop To Build On DePalma Land Near F.H. Center

The Richmond Company is pleased to announce their plans to develop a Super Stop & Shop Supermarket in Agawam.

The development will be located on Springfield Street, across from the entrance to the Agawam Junior High School in Feeding Hills Center. The Richmond Company is a shopping center developer based in Peabody.

Local developers Ralph DePalma and Joseph Pacella are owners of the property.

This is the Richmond Company's first development in Western Massachusetts. With this development, the Richmond Company is making a substantial commitment to the Town of Agawam because of the potential identified within this trade area.

"Stop & Shop is looking forward to becoming a part of the Agawam community," said S. Terry Vandewater, manager of community and public relations for the Stop & Shop Supermarket Company.

"A Super Stop & Shop would provide area

residents with the quality, value, and one-stop shopping convenience of a state-of-the-art supermarket. In addition, to quality and service, our new superstore would offer a variety of job opportunities to those in the Agawam area.

The Agawam Super Stop & Shop would create 150 construction jobs and approximately 300 new part-time and full-time positions, according to store officials.

The new superstore is designed for today's lifestyles. Consumers will be able to meet all their shopping needs under one roof.

A fresh fish market, floral shop, and small appliances department is a mere sampling of what is in store for the Agawam shopper. Customers will also find an in-store bakery, food-to-go department, and the freshest produce ... not to mention an array of housewares and an extensive line of healthy and beauty care products.

The Super Stop & Shop also boasts an in-store pharmacy offering a 10% discount on all prescrip-

tion drugs to those over 60 years of age, and conveniences such as an in-store video center, a Barnes & Noble Discount Bookstore, and computer terminals to assist customers in finding products.

All totalled, the proposed 65,700 square foot Super Stop & Shop would offer over 23 departments.

Stop & Shop is not only committed in building a store in the Agawam community, but has a strong commitment to community service as well. Stop & Shop has always felt strongly about the issue of hunger.

Working closely with the Second Harvest National Food Bank Network and their local agencies, Stop & Shop donated \$2.6 million in products, cash, and services to help feed the hungry in 1991.

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Common Sense With Your \$\$\$

by Raymond Rose

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Time Management For Students ... And Everyone!

Last week, when I was "in" my personal computer, I was reading an item on one of the bulletin boards that was discussing "back to school" and the different learning techniques that are available for today's students.

It also reviewed the fact that even though young adults may have the rest of their lives ahead of them, like everyone else, it seems that there just are not enough hours in a day to get everything accomplished.

There is definitely a direct link between time management skills and academic achievement ... and thus, I thought that I would review some of the various ways on how students can save time ... at school, doing homework, and in their everyday activities.

STRATEGIES AT SCHOOL

* Use **one** large loose-leaf notebook with dividers and pockets for **all** your subjects ... you'll save time because you'll always have the notebook you need with you at all times.

* Always take the time to keep your locker **organized** so that you won't have to waste time searching for books. If possible, number your books in the order you'll use them at school. Keep the books that you'll need to take home in only one area of your locker.

* Plan when you will visit your locker throughout the day ... then take all the books needed for that chunk of the day.

* Keep extra paper, pens, etc. in your locker **and** in a pouch attached to your notebook.

* Get in the habit of writing down your assignments in a pocket calendar ... it'll save you lots of time. You won't forget any of them ... and you'll be able to manage your time better.

* Intelligently plan your study hall ... complete the tasks which you can finish during that time ... finish tomorrow's homework when possible.

* Enjoy your lunch ... eat at a table or outside ... talk with your friends ... relax ... have fun ... you'll enjoy the afternoon much better if you do. You'll gain the energy you need to finish the day.

* Whenever possible, sit in the front of the class ... sit on the edge of your seat ... make eye contact with your teacher ... and then listen attentively ... you'll save time with your homework and studying for tests because you'll already understand most of the subject matter.

* Save time taking notes! Learn shorthand (create your own) ... and/or abbreviate everything. Only write down key points and things you don't know.

* Be sure to ask questions when you don't understand ... this will save you time and frustration later because you won't have to hassle with homework you don't understand.

* Make test-taking a lot easier. First, read the directions ... then, scan all the questions and circle any important words ... next, answer **all** of the questions that you're sure of. This will give you plenty of time to work on the questions that will need additional thought. Also, answer every ques-

tion ... usually, no try is worse than a bad try. When time remains, recheck your answers.

STRATEGIES AT HOME

* At night, lay out your clothes, pack your lunch and school bag, and plan tomorrow ... you'll like your mornings a whole lot more!

* Only watch the TV shows that you really enjoy ... record them on a VCR and watch them when you're finished with your homework.

* Do chores while watching TV or using the portable phone.

* Be sure to reward yourself for finishing tasks ... and plan your rewards.

* Write down **everything** that you have to do down on **one** list ... and then use that list when filling in calendars. Cross things off when you have completed them.

* Ask yourself ... "Are you a morning or a night person?" When do you have the most energy? When do you have the least? Use your high energy time to do your tough assignments. Use low energy time to take a nap ... do an easy assignment ... watch TV ... talk on the phone or do a "mindless" chore.

* **START** the project or chore you've been putting off. Break it into several small parts ... find something that you can do right away ... and then "do it"! Chances are that you'll want to do more. It's easier than you think!

* Forget perfection at the beginning. Put down your initial ideas ... re-read it ... and then polish it.

* Time **everything** you do for one week (I'm doing this now myself). Analyze where your time is going ... see if you can cut things out or fit small tasks into time you didn't realize you had.

* Figure out what may be bothering you ... and then fix it (if you can). You'll save a lot of time by not worrying about it ... in fact, get in the habit of not worrying about anything (it's one of the best habits that I have developed during my life).

* **Set your priorities daily!** ... do the most important things immediately ... and do the rest later.

* Set specific goals for yourself ... write down everything you think you'll need to do to reach your goal ... give yourself deadlines for each step ... and then go for it!

* Learn how to say "no." Don't try to be Superman and do more than you have time for.

* Don't waste time working on something when you're too tired to work on it. Stop reading when you just don't understand ... walk away and come back later.

* Create a flow chart ... note your goal and take the steps you'll need to reach it. You'll get there a lot faster when you have a plan/system.

* It's important to visualize your goals. Just close your eyes, relax, and visualize.

STRATEGIES WITH HOMEWORK

* Plan your strategy ... write down each task and schedule a time to do it. Do difficult homework when you have the most energy. You'll be amazed at how quickly you finish your work when you know what to do and when to do it.

* Break down your assignments into small parts. A little bit of something is a lot easier to handle than the whole thing. Make a list of each task and cross each off when you've finished it. You'll feel great!

* Sit at your desk or work area away from noise and people ... **focus** on your homework and you'll get it done much faster.

* Keep your work area organized ... and keep supplies nearby.

* Look at one subject at a time ... clear off your desk and keep the rest of the books on the floor. This will help you to focus and work quickly.

SEE RAYMOND ROSE -
continued on Page 25...



ATTORNEY WILLIAM T. WALSH, JR.

William T. Walsh, Jr. Joins Ag. Law Firm As Practicing Partner

Attorney William T. Walsh, Jr., former Hampden County Assistant District Attorney and also formerly of Pellegrini & Seeley, P.C. of Springfield, Massachusetts, has now joined the Agawam law firm of Bonavita, Gordon & Danie, P.C., now known as Bonavita, Gordon, Danie & Walsh, P.C.

Attorney Walsh is a lifelong resident of Agawam and is a graduate of Agawam High School, the University of Massachusetts, and the Western New England College School of Law.

Attorney Walsh will concentrate in Personal Injury Law, Workman's Compensation, Criminal Defense, Civil Litigation, and Rights of the Learning Impaired Under Chapter 766.

The Agawam law firm, which was opened in Agawam in 1982, is now comprised of the following four attorneys: Anthony C. Bonavita, Robert A. Gordon, Robert J. Danie, and William T. Walsh, Jr.

The law firm, located at 430 Main Street, Agawam, offers a full range of legal services and can be reached at (413) 789-2020.

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Douglas Notary Public



WILLIAM DOUGLAS of Agawam, owner of Grand National Auto in West Side, is sworn in as a notary public by John Olko of the Mass. Secretary of State's Office.

RAYMOND ROSE - from Page 24...

* Scan textbook chapters before reading them. Pay attention to graphs, pictures, headings, sub-headings, etc. Next, read the introduction, summary and chapter questions. Then read the chapter. You'll understand it better and read it much faster!

* To read a fiction book faster, first read the preface, introduction and inside and back covers. Next, scan the book, noting chapter titles and characters' names. Then read the book. You'll read faster because you will already have clues about the plot and the most important characters.

* Make studying for tests easier and faster! Turn your notes into artwork. Use different colored pens for different ideas ... and draw pictures. Connect ideas with arrows and lines. Use circles, stars and stickers ... be creative! You'll have fun, you'll remember more, and you'll spend less time studying for tests. Try this ... you won't believe how effective this is!

TIME MANAGEMENT RECAP

If you're a parent, you're probably saying that a lot of what you've just read can be applied to your daily lives ... after all, much of it is just common sense.

I strongly urge you to review these ideas with your children ... and hopefully it can affect their habits in a positive way ... not just during the school year, but for the rest of their lives.

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ADVERTISER NEWS

George & Green Recognizes Agents



KATHY AYRE (left), manager of George & Green Real Estate, Main Street, Agawam Center, was pleased to present top awards for the Month of July to agents **Laura Stevens** and **Chet Kasperek** as "Top Listing Agent" and **Nelson Paige** as "Top Selling Agent." Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Richard Curran On Funeral Project Team

Richard J. Curran of Curran-Jones Funeral Home in West Springfield recently served on a project team for the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) to assist in the development and implementation of wide-ranging changes in the governance structure and strategic direction of the association.

The proposed changes include moving from a 16-member, decision-making body to a 51-member state representative, decision-making policy board.

The team has met for the past year compiling, evaluating, and applying information collected

from many groups to develop a proposal that was presented to the state leadership at the August State Officers meeting.

The proposal goes for vote at the NFDA national convention in San Antonio in October. If passes, the changes will significantly change the direction of the association to better face current and future challenges to the funeral service profession.

The National Funeral Directors Association, headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is the nation's largest association of funeral directors with approximately 15,000 members.

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Stroke Support Offered At Noble Hospital

The Noble Hospital Stroke Support Group will meet three Mondays in September on the 14th, 21st, and 28th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room located on the second floor of the hospital.

John Danahey, Vice President of Operations at Noble, will meet with the group at the September 14th meeting to discuss ideas for improving the hospital. Mark Doane, a member of the Physical Therapy Department at Noble, will be the guest speaker at the September 28th meeting.

The Stroke Support Group is led by Social Worker Michele Chmura with the help of Donald Duperrault who is a volunteer at Noble Hospital and has also suffered a stroke.

There is no fee for program participants, but a 50¢ donation will be collected at the door for refreshments.

For further information, or to register, call the Bronson Rehabilitation Center at 568-2811, ext. 466.

Prostrate Screening At Noble Hospital

Studies show that by the age of 50, an estimated 30% of American men may have prostate cancer. This estimate increases to 50% by the time the average male is above the age of 70.

In an effort to provide treatment, Noble Hospital and Dr. Robert White, a urologist with a practice in Westfield, will sponsor free prostate cancer screenings in the hospital's Same Day Care unit on Thursday, September 24th and October 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Although the number of men diagnosed with this form of cancer is very high, the good news is that once it is diagnosed, the cancerous tumors are slow-growing and there are many different types of treatment available.

For a screening appointment, please call the hospital's Same Day Care Unit at 568-2811, ext. 480.

Time Limited Therapy Group At Agawam Counseling Ctr.

The Agawam Counseling Center will be offering a time-limited therapy group for women who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

The group will provide a safe, supportive environment for exploring and mastering past trauma and will be led by two clinical social workers who are experienced in working with this population.

The group will meet Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., starting in mid-October, and will run for 16 weeks. If interested, please contact Nancy Jessup, LCSW, or Constance Leslie, LICSW, at 786-6410 to make an appointment for a screening interview.

The Agawam Counseling Center accepts insurance, Medicaid, and has a sliding scale fee.

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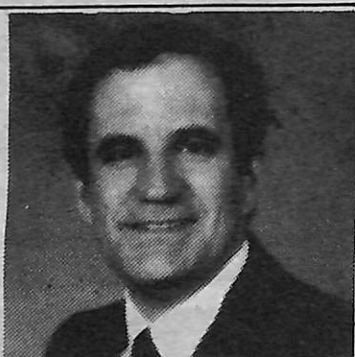
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Getting Ready For Health Fair



DR. DINO MERCADANTE and staff member Pauline Mercadante of the Agawam Senior Center are among those who are busy planning for the upcoming Health Fair, which will once again be held at the Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. Women, Mayor & Heritage Hall Join For Blood Drive

The Agawam Junior Women's Club, the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, and Heritage Hall are joining together in an all-out effort to increase the number of blood donors for the September 17th blood drive.

Won't you help? One pint of blood is all we ask to save the lives of children, adults, and seniors. If you care about your neighbor, family, and friends, please consider this one donation.

The American Red Cross will be at Heritage Hall on September 17th between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

To sign up for the drive and to schedule an appointment, call Diane Johnson of the American Red Cross. The phone number is 737-4306.

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Rheumatology Clinic At Noble Hospital

Dr. David Pierangelo, a specialist in arthritis, osteoporosis, muscle diseases and related conditions, will be conducting a rheumatology clinic at Noble Hospital on Tuesday, September 22nd from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Same Day Care Unit, located on the second floor of the hospital.

The clinics will be conducted every fourth Tuesday of the month.

The clinic is open to people who may suffer from arthritis, osteoporosis, muscle diseases or related conditions. Clinic patients can be referred by other physicians or by self-referrals.

Appointments are necessary and can be made from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by calling the Same Day Care Unit at 568-2811, ext. 479.

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Creating Self-Esteem To Begin Sept. 20th

Dr. Steve Sobel, director of The New England Institute For Stress Management of West Springfield, announces the schedule for the four-session group program, "Creating High Self-Esteem For A Powerful And Fulfilling Life."

The program consists of four sessions that are each two hours in duration. The group is limited to seven to 10 adults, and the cost is \$100 per person (with a discount for two people attending). The sessions take place on four Sunday evenings (September 20th, 27th, October 4th, and 11th) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The program outline is available by calling 785-1259. The program has served the needs of hundreds of people since it started five years ago.

Dr. Sobel is nationally recognized for his work in the areas of self-esteem and motivation, and speaks at numerous conferences yearly.

Quit Smoking Thru Hypnotism Program At Noble Hospital

"Forgetting Cigarettes with Hypnotism" will be offered by the education department of Noble Hospital as a way to quit cigarette addiction.

The class will be facilitated by Joseph Barako, director of Education at Noble Hospital and will consist of three sessions to be held on September 14th, 21st, and 28th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Education Center on 2 Mill Street, adjacent to the hospital.

For more information, please call the Education Department at Noble Hospital at 568-2811, ext. 529.

Mercy Hospital's Mobile Hearing Center At Agawam Senior Center Sept. 21st

Mercy Hospital's Mobile Hearing Center will provide free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center on Monday, September 21st, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids and assistive listening devices can also be scheduled, on a fee for service basis.

vice basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by two nationally certified audiologists from the Speech, Hearing and Language center at Mercy Hospital.

Access to the free screenings and hearing aid checks is limited; call 786-0400 for a reservation.

"Heart Smart" Dinner At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will offer a special "Heart Smart Dinner" on Wednesday, September 16th.

The class will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the hospital auditorium and includes dinner and a lecture. Dinner will be served promptly at 5:00 p.m.

Carmela Kirk, R.N. and Registered Dietician Sarah Ellis will lecture about general wellness and why the chosen menu is heart healthy.

The program is offered by Noble Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation and Dietary Departments. It is designed to help individuals reduce fat and cholesterol levels.

The program is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is necessary and payment must be received by September 9th. Checks may be made out and mailed to Noble Hospital, Carmela Kirk, R.N., 115 W. Silver Street, Westfield, MA 01086.

For further information or to register, call Carmela Kirk, R.N. at 568-2811, ext 229.

Maintaining Weight At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will offer a 10-week community education program on losing and maintaining weight.

The course begins on Monday, September 14th and continues every consecutive Monday evening for 10 weeks. The program will be held in the Education Center at Noble Hospital.

The course is offered from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The course offers a nutritionally and medically sound means of losing and maintaining weight and has been taught at Noble for the past six years. The program focuses on limiting food intake without deprivation and developing lifelong healthy eating habits.

Joseph Barako, R.N., Director of Education at Noble Hospital, will instruct the course. The course fee is \$100.

Details of the course are covered in the first session. Pre-registration is not necessary.

For more information, contact the Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 529.

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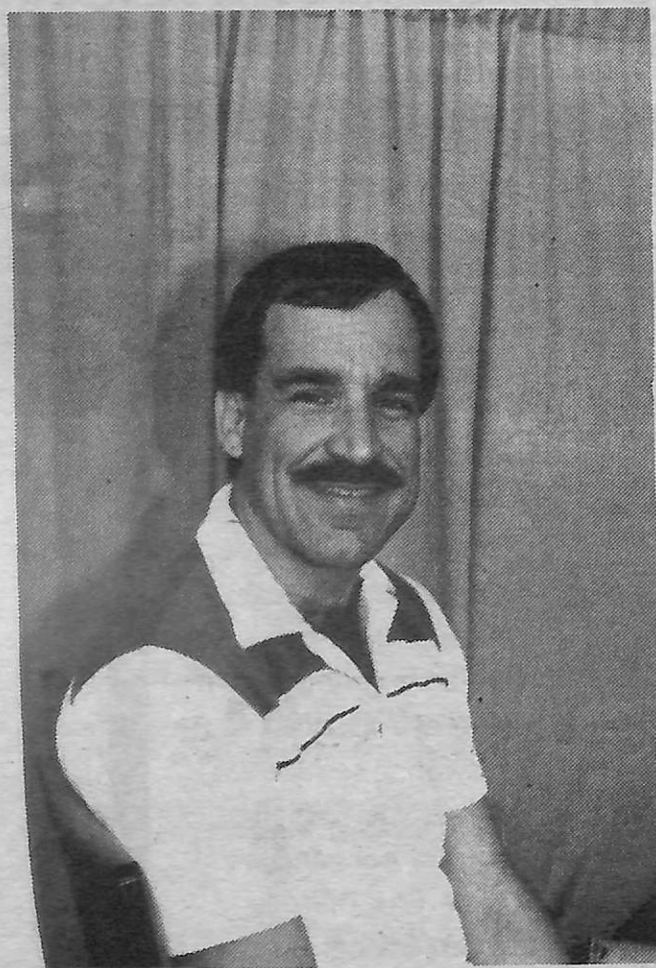
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Arts



BOB MCKAY of Agawam holds everyone's attention in a scene from the upcoming Agawam Repertory Theatre production of *"The Diary of Anne Frank."*



MARK PROULX OF AGAWAM

Mark Proulx Member Of Suffield Players' Upcoming Production

Mark Proulx of Agawam is a member of the company in the Suffield Players' fall musical *Once is not Enough*, opening September 24th at historic Mapleton Hall, Mapleton Road, Suffield.

Proulx, a manager-care analyst at the Hartford Insurance Company, has served as secretary on the Board of Directors for the Players and has received the prestigious President's Award. He is a six-year veteran of the Players, last seen as Ben Benjamin in their spring production of *God's Favorite*.

Proulx has also worked backstage for several shows—running lights, stage managing, ushering, and building sets. Of the upcoming show, he remarks, "It's an interesting concept. People will relate to past memories of shows gone by."

Once is not Enough is a retrospective of scenes and songs from the Players' productions of the past several years, as well as some sneak previews of upcoming shows.

The production, directed by Margie Secora of Southwick, will open Thursday, September 24th, and run three successive Fridays and Saturdays: September 25th and 26th, October 2nd and 3rd, and October 9th and 10th.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.; curtain is 8:00 p.m. sharp for all performances. Seating will be cabaret style.

Previous sold-out performances by the Suffield Players suggest calling the 24-hour ticket service to reserve seats: (203) 627-1900.

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Community Theatre Has Great Lineup For Fall Season

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

In the basement of the Red Door Theater in Feeding Hills, Alan McPherson (under the watchful eye of director Robert Laviolette) walks into a room of scattered furnishings, remnants of another life, picking through the debris, draping a scarf around his neck, seating himself as he breaks into tears.

A friend hands him papers and a book—a diary once kept by his youngest daughter, and he begins to read her words.

Offstage, a thinner, softer, gentler voice echoes the words, and the story of Anne Frank emerges in all its poignant, inspirational beauty.

The curtain is about to go up on the 1992-93 theater season, and within the next few weeks several area community theater groups will launch their fall productions.

At the Red Door Theater in Feeding Hills, home of Agawam Repertory Theatre, Laviolette (fresh from last spring's Westfield Theater Group production of *The King and I*) is pulling cast and crew into shape for *The Diary of Anne Frank*, the tragic story of a Jewish family who spent two years hiding in an attic and fearing the dreaded concentration camps of Nazi Germany in World War II.

The show opens in just one week and is the first of several very promising productions.

In Westfield, the WTG is putting the final touches on their production of *Harvey*, the delightful tale of an engaging man and his best friend ... an invisible white rabbit. It's the kind of play that the Westfield group does well; in fact, better than most ... their comic timing is virtually flawless. *Harvey* opens September 24th.

In Suffield, the Suffield Players are readying their 40th anniversary season with a unique production that reprises favorite moments from productions gone by and previews a few highlights of the coming season.

The Suffield season opener is called (aptly enough) *Once Is Not Enough* and will offer cabaret seating.

Another gem to watch for—but a bit later in the fall season—is the reemergence of David Potter's Callboard Theater with a production of *A Chorus Line*, coming in November to an Enfield stage for three days only.

Potter has choreographed numerous shows for the St. Martha Players of Enfield, and has in the past decade (give or take a few years) also presented shows in Springfield at numerous locations and at the Academy of Music in Northampton.

Mattoon Arts Festival Slated For Sept. 12-13

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the "Mattoon Arts Festival." Over 90 of the finest artists and artisans will exhibit their work on Saturday and Sunday, September 12th and 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mattoon Street in downtown Springfield.

In honor of the 20th anniversary, a commemorative poster has been commissioned. The original artwork will be on display both days.

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- 20 Road hazards
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- 24 Like an animal
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- 28 Before La-La
- 31 "— the Red"
- 32 Gaze intently
- 33 Come in first
- 34 Greeting in the A.M.
- 38 Avail oneself
- 39 Angry
- 40 "Or —!!"
- 41 Through
- 42 Totes
- 43 Certain ship
- 45 Tavern fare
- 46 Brewer's ingredient
- 47 Proofreader's mark
- 49 Aching
- 50 Fitting
- 53 One way to clean
- 56 Borge and others
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- 59 In fear of
- 60 Solar disk
- 61 Prayer ending

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- 1 "— hopper" (hick)
- 2 "Black —" (Mafia)

- 3 Pot offering
- 4 Prefix: new
- 5 Waken
- 6 Beethoven's ... — Symphony
- 7 Barristers
- 8 Stadium cheer
- 9 Young hog
- 10 Sea-goers
- 11 Gardner the writer
- 12 Cerise
- 15 Autumn garment
- 17 Nose in the air one
- 18 Bullring fighter
- 22 Texas city
- 23 Embarrass
- 24 "— the bar"
- 25 Got up
- 26 Deadly snake
- 27 Holds to a printer
- 28 Woven fabric
- 29 Washing machine cycle
- 30 Make mad
- 32 Certain rugs
- 35 Ribbons
- 36 "Be — your school"
- 37 Like Felix Unger
- 43 "— copy"
- 44 Bread spread
- 45 Ready to fight
- 46 Actor Roger
- 47 Gullet
- 48 The best
- 49 Emergency room word
- 50 Bomb type
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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni

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Local Poet Published In National Library

Anne Savenko Looney, 511 South West Street, Feeding Hills, has just had original poetry published in *A View From the Edge*, a treasury of today's poetry compiled by The National Library of Poetry.

The poem is entitled "Understanding," and the main subject is our self within.

Ann is also the author of an unpublished novel, titled *Timeless Journey*, which is presently in the hands of a literary agent in Pennsylvania.

Understanding

Two men walked into the battlefield of the mind

The Ego and the Self
Only one returned

The self

Who was the greatest victor of all
And triumphed over the Ego
To help heal the world
Of your sins and mine
Through a forgiveness
Which has been there all along
A gift which we all share
That was overshadowed by the Ego
But brought back to light -Anne Looney

Bay Path College Seeks Male Actors, Singers

The Theatre Arts Department of Bay Path College will hold auditions for male actors, singers, and dancers on Monday and Tuesday, September 21st and 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall, on the Longmeadow campus.

Needed are men to fill roles in Bay Path's November production of the musical, *Me and My Girl*.

Director Paul Norton says that a script is available for perusal at Hatch Library on campus, and that more information may be obtained by calling him at the college at 413-567-0621.

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NEW ATTRACTIONS:

* **Circus World Museum and Old Fashioned Circus parade, sponsored by Big Y Supermarkets:** Rousing calliope and band organ music will herald the arrival of "200 Years of the American Circus," a traveling exhibit commemorating the bicentennial of the American circus, from the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Located in Mallary Plaza under a red, white and blue big top tent, the exhibit will feature circus archives and artifacts including a circus cannon, vintage circus posters and lithographs, lavish costumes and more.

On September 16th, look for The Big E Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m. to become an old fashioned circus parade featuring a dozen ornate circus parade vehicles including bandwagons, tableau wagons and cage wagons, drawn by 90 draft horses. The circus exhibit and old fashioned circus parade will be sponsored by Big Y Supermarkets of Springfield, MA.



CRYSTAL GALE

* **Hofbrauhaus Alpine Festival:** It's Oktoberfest in September when The Big E presents a German pavilion, between Gate 9A and the Giant Slide, chock full of Bavarian food, music and entertainment.

Enjoy a bratwurst or knockwurst sandwich and some German beer at the Dortmunder Cafe. Or, sit down, relax and dine elegantly on the fine Bavarian and classic European cooking that has distinguished the Hofbrauhaus restaurant of West Springfield, MA, since 1935 while enjoying the toe-tapping music and robust yodeling of the Stratton Mountain Boys, September 16th through 27th.

Lunch/dinner show seatings are at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00, 4:30, 6:15, and 8:00 p.m. People are welcome to view the show, which will take place at 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5:00, 6:45, and 8:30 p.m., but seating is limited to those who are dining. For advance reservations to the lunch/dinner show, please call (413) 739-ALPS.

* **Leonardo, 1452-1519:** The New England Center will present an exhibit featuring the intriguing scientific studies of Leonardo da Vinci. A 15th century Renaissance man and visionary,

Leonardo, world-renowned for his artistic feats, investigated virtually every field of science and saw the possibility of flying machines, automobiles and air conditioners.

Leonardo recorded his scientific observations in thousands of sketches and notes detailing his groundbreaking studies in anatomy, mechanics, mathematics, optics, aerology, flight, cosmologic visions, architecture, hydraulics, nautics, geology, geography, warfare and botany.

The exhibit will include informative graphic panels and hands-on models based on Leonardo's scientific and technical drawings including a printing press, a helicopter, a military tank, an automobile and an airplane.

1992 ENTERTAINMENT:

* **Miller Genuine Draft Stage:** On the Miller Genuine Draft Stage, the stars shine all day and night. This year's unrivaled music entertainment line-up will include the following: **Ronnie Milsap**, September 16th and 17th at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.; **Marie Osmond**, September 18th and 19th at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.; **Trisha Yearwood**, September 20th and 21st at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Also, **Darryl and Don Ellis**, September 22nd and 23rd at 2:00 p.m.; **The Everly Brothers**, September 22nd and 23rd at 7:00 p.m.; **B.J. Thomas**, September 24th and 25th at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.; **Crystal Gayle**, September 26th and 27th at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.; **The Coasters**, September 16th through 21st at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.; and **Little Anthony**, September 22nd through 27th at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.

* **Milk's Music Caravan Stage:** Music and magic will abound on Milk's Music Caravan Stage with country group **Southern Region**, September 16th through 27th at 1:30, 3:30, and 7:30 p.m.; the mind-boggling ESP and hypnotism of **Russ Burgess**, September 16th through 21st at 12:30, 2:30, and 6:30 p.m.; and Southern songbird **Robin Lee**, September 22nd through 27th at 12:30, 2:30, and 6:30 p.m.

On September 19th, members of the U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association will take the stage to perform their fancy footwork at 5:30 p.m.

* **State Line Gazebo:** The State Line Gazebo, located on the Storowton Village Green, will host the comedic juggling antics of the **Gizmo Guys**, September 16th through 21st, and the Dixieland sounds of **Reggie's Red Hot Feet Warmers**, September 22nd through 27th. Shows on the Gazebo take place at 1:00, 3:00, and 6:00 p.m.

On September 19th, sit back and enjoy the cutting edge bluegrass sound of Northern Lights at 3:30 and 7:00 p.m.

PERENNIAL FAVORITES

* **The Big E Circus, Under the Big Top, sponsored by Coca-Cola:** An extravaganza showcasing hand-picked international acts, The Big E Circus will present performances in one ring under a big top tent near the Giant Slide, September 16th through 27th at 1:00, 4:00, and 7:00 p.m.

Hold on to your seats and be amazed by Mark Karoly's performances with his bareback riders and with the Royal Hanneford elephants, Michel Ayala's hair hang, Wilson's Sea Lions, the Flying Espanas, the Skyro Gyros, and their death-defying aerial motorcycle act and more.

* **Joie Chitwood's Thrill Show, sponsored by Budweiser:** Joie Chitwood's Thrill Show will rev up audiences with daredevil automobile and motorcycle stunts in the October Arena, September 16th through 27th at 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. On Saturdays, an additional show will take place at 1:00 p.m.

* **Storowton Village:** With costumed reenactors as your guide, take a glimpse of Early American New England through a unique window to history by touring the antique reconstructed 19th century buildings that comprise Storowton Village Museum.

* **The Avenue of States:** Sample the best of New England and learn about the commerce, agriculture, industry, and natural resources of

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont by perusing exhibits in the magnificent state buildings located on the Avenue of States.

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* **Eastern States Exposition Horse Show:** The 70th annual Eastern States Exposition Horse Show, A-rated by the American Horse Show Association, will present competitions for the following in the Coliseum:

September 16th through 20th, Saddle Horses, Hackney, Harness, and Roadster Ponies; and September 21st through 27th, Hunters and Jumpers and Hunt Seat Equitation.

The Coliseum will also play host to the Draft Horse Show, September 24th through 27th; the 4-H Horse Show, September 17th through 19th; and Pulling Competitions, September 21st and 22nd.



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* **Agricultural Competitions:** Fostering agriculture and education is foremost on The Big E's agenda. Continuous livestock shows and competitions will be held for beef and dairy cattle, sheep, dairy goats and swine.

The Llama Show will take place September 21st in the New Agricultural Complex. To catch a glimpse of llamas in their Sunday best, don't miss the popular Llama Costume Class on Sunday, September 20th, at 3:00 p.m. in the New Agricultural Complex.

* **Children's Attractions:** Children will hit the ground running when they spot **Ronald and the McDonaldland Gang** on the **Golden Arches Stage**. The zany antics of the McDonaldland Gang can be enjoyed September 16th through 27th at 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, and 6:00 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, an additional show will be held at 12:00 noon.

Get up close and personal with domestic and exotic animals at **Freihofer's Petting Zoo**. Children of all ages will enjoy amusing walkabouts that can be spotted throughout the grounds.

The comical sight of **Mitchell Marionette Cheerful Charlie** and the mechanized motions of the **Mechanical Man** are attractions you won't want to miss. With over 50 thrilling rides, the **Magic Midway** will take you for the spin of a lifetime!

The Big "E" always lives up to its name, offering enticing entertainment, exhibits, and edibles during each and every one of its 12 days.

The 71st edition of "New England's Great State Fair" will take place on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA, from September 16th through 27th.

Ag. Arts Council To Meet Sept. 14th

The Agawam Cultural Council (formerly the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council) will hold their next meeting September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Faolin Pierce room at the Agawam Police Station.

The council is comprised of volunteers appointed by the community's chief elected official. Any resident who is interested in joining the council should write to Mayor Christopher Johnson and express that desire.

The council maintains ties with local cultural organizations, individual artists, and humanists to assist them in planning projects that meet community needs. It works to see that the cultural projects funded by its allotment of arts lottery money benefit its community to the greatest possible extent.

Volunteer work on the part of the council members includes reviewing grant applications in accordance with the state's guidelines which outline purposes, policies and procedures. Their support and dedication of the arts and humanities help bring to the community of Agawam the many varied cultural programs, such as the successful ongoing First Friday Series, the summer concerts, the popular bus trips, and the past Midwinter Night celebrations.

The council meets the second Monday of the month at the Agawam Police Station. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member and would like more information is welcome to attend the September 14th meeting.

Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. If we can help, call us t 786-7747 or 786-8137. Thanks.

grandma's old kitchen



Healthy Recipes For After School Snacks That Kids Will Love

One of the first things many kids do after arriving home from a hard day at school is to head straight to the kitchen and raid the refrigerator.

"Many children eat lunch early at school and are rightfully starving when they get home," said Nancy Anderson, a registered dietitian at Baystate Medical Center, "and you want to make sure they eat right so as not to spoil their supper."

Eating right means munching on snacks or preparing mini meals for children that are nutritious, low in fat (all children after the age of two can benefit from low-fat foods), and that will sustain their energy levels until supper, Anderson noted.

"A good, healthy after-school snack should include selections from at least three of the four food groups: milk, meat, fruits and vegetables, and grains," Anderson said.

Anderson recommends as possible snacks: bagels, graham crackers, or English muffins, all of which can be spread with peanut butter or fruit preserves (peanut butter is high in fat but an excellent source of protein for muscle building), and English muffin pizzas.

Low-fat crackers and cheeses are another healthy snack that many children can prepare on their own. "Multi-grain Wheat Thins and Triscuits are excellent selections," Anderson said.

Low-fat yogurts with granola mixed in provides another healthy, tasty treat for youngsters. "Of course, eating fresh fruits cannot be overemphasized," Anderson stressed.

If parents are at work when their child returns home from school, they can leave cut vegetable sticks in the refrigerator for their child to snack on.

"But remember to cut the vegetables beforehand because if they aren't cut, children will grab that bag of chips that is just ready and waiting for them," Anderson said.

"Also, you can make those vegetable sticks more appealing to children by leaving a low-fat dip for them to dunk their healthy treats in," she added.

Other possible after-school snacks could include:

- * pretzels (instead of potato chips if they need something crunchy)
- * "light" microwave popcorn
- * frozen yogurt

If you can't be home to watch how much your child is eating, Anderson advises leaving out a small empty plate for them, which they will probably pile high with food anyway, she noted. "At least it's better than piling a large plate sky high."

To wash it all down, Anderson suggests low-fat milk or juices. "Try to limit soda intake to one can a day, preferably an un-cola," she said. "Instead, introduce your child to a tasty juice blend by combining a cran-raspberry or other fruit drink with a no-calorie sparkling seltzer."

The following recipes offer good suggestions for after-school kids' snacks:

JOHNNY APPLESEED SPREAD

- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup applesauce or apple butter
- 1/4 cup low-fat cottage cheese
- 2 tablespoons raisins
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar

Mix together; makes 1 cup. Spread on bagels, muffins, toast, or use as dip for fruit.

ENGLISH MUFFIN PIZZA

Toast English muffin halves; top with spaghetti or pizza sauce. Sprinkle with part-skim mozzarella and pop in toaster oven to broil for two minutes.

REDUCED FAT DIP FOR VEGGIES

- Mix:
- 1 packet dry Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing
- 1 cup low-fat milk
- 1/2 cup reduced fat mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup non-fat plain yogurt

This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—Honeymoon in Vegas

Honeymoon in Vegas stretches one's imagination—and credulity—to new heights, but sometimes it's actually fun.

Nicolas Cage is the young gambler, a handsome "thirty-something" who's bound to his dear and domineering momma, whose deathbed wish is that he "never get married."

Enter longstanding girlfriend Sarah Jessica Parker as the love of his life who wants the very commitment he is unwilling (and unable) to make.

They decide to take the plunge in a momentary burst of courage (on his part), but a funny thing happens on the way to the wedding.

A handsome, older, debonair, and incredibly rich (this is real fantasy, folks!) professional gambler (James Caan) spots Parker in a Las Vegas hotel lobby and falls immediately in love with her, noting that she is a carbon copy of his glamorous wife, who died of skin cancer after soaking up too many of those desert rays.

Caan sets up a poker game that sees Cage losing \$60,000 and putting up a weekend with Jessica as a means of paying off the debt.

Of course, Cage doesn't realize Caan's idea of a weekend is 4,000 miles away in his Hawaiian estate, complete with children and grandchildren.

The chase begins, as a distraught and nearly hysterical Cage flies to islands and sets out to reclaim his bride.

Meanwhile, Parker is charmed, seduced, and wooed in earnest by the gentlemanly Caan, whose true colors only now begin to emerge, but never to sweet Jessica.

Throughout the film viewers are treated (bad choice of words?) to a dozen or more impersona-

tions of Elvis (it seems as if all of Vegas is after the King's crown), and the crowning achievement in all of this are the loony skydiving Elvis impersonators, whose white-lighted suits tumble into the city for a romantic climax.

Honeymoon in Vegas is the kind of whacky film one used to see at a drive-in ... with pizza, popcorn and more. The transition from large to TV screen will have little effect on it, so save a few dollars and rent it in a few months. It may produce a chuckle on a cold wintry night.

—Pet Cemetery II

Pet Cemetery II should be buried in the deepest landfill one can find. Director Mary Lambert offers this spinoff of the Stephen King original (sans any input from the master of horror), and instead dishes out a poor plot with bottom of the barrel special effects that most kids can better on Halloween.

Lots of blood and gore, viscous mutilations of animal and human forms ... you get the idea. Now get a better one, and stay home with a good book.

—Casablanca

Perhaps the single best film in the valley right now is the fifty year-old original of *Casablanca*, now seen in a new print.

Humphrey Bogart was never better, and despite an occasionally sketchy plot, the mood, the settings, the music, the ambiance, and the faces are what fans have revered for five decades.

This anniversary showing at the Academy of Music in Northampton is worth catching, but if all else fails, rent *Casablanca* and travel back in time as you watch it again at home ... again ... and again.

Play it, Sam....

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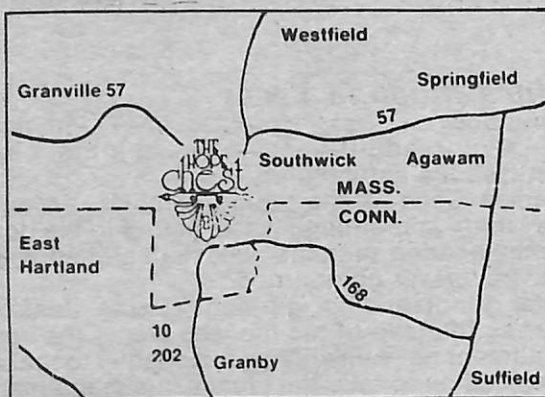
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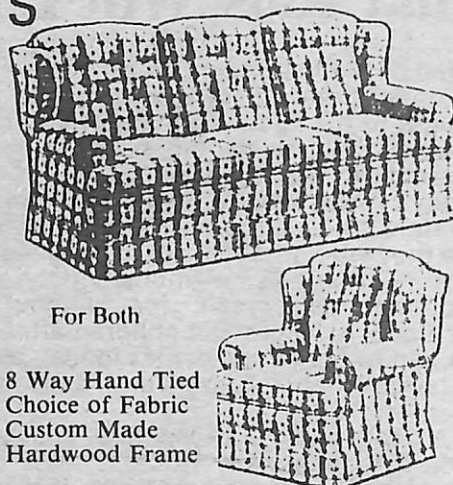
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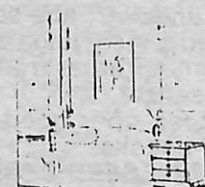
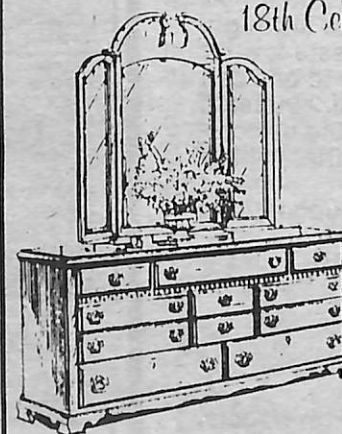
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Education

Teresa Kozloski Back From Extraordinary Trip To Poland

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Teresa Kozloski and her husband, Henry (Chairman of the Agawam Conservation Commission), spent three weeks this summer visiting one of their three children.

The Kozloski's daughter, Maria, is presently employed with Price Waterhouse and is acting as a consultant to the Polish Ministry of Privatization.

Mrs. Kozloski said, "Poland wants to modernize since communism. Maria is working on a contract with a British firm to buy the Polish glass construction (for windows and cars). She is part of the Polish negotiating team to try to bring in capitalization."

Maria has a tutor to learn to speak Polish. She goes to the factories with a translator, but she gains more respect talking directly to the workers, according to Mrs. Kozloski.

"The young know English, but few speak English. Maria is hoping the contract will be cemented by October," said Mrs. Kozloski.

She noted, "Maria began by attending Paul Nitze's School for Advanced International Studies (S.A.I.S.). She was going for the summer as an intern, and a man in Warsaw convinced her to stay for one year to get the negotiations going."

She added, "There are two Americans, a Polish Glass Consultant, Maria's boss from Washington, and a man related to the Ford family in Springfield on the negotiating team."

Mrs. Kozloski explained the importance of Maria talking directly to the factory workers, saying, "Under Communism, the people had a lot to say through the Worker's Council. They are afraid of losing their jobs. (Though negotiations) the British are willing to set up trust funds for layoffs."

Highlights Of The Kozloski's Trip

The Kozloskis travelled southwest of Warsaw to Gluchow, where Henry's grandfather had been born. "A priest took us to a church built in the 1930's," said Mrs. Kozloski.

When asked if Maria had to spend much of her time acting as their personal guide around Poland, Mrs. Kozloski replied, "The mass transportation of trains, trams or trolleys, and buses in all of Europe is ideal. There are many underground passageways near the heavy transit areas, although there is not a lot of disabled access."

"People sell flowers and other items in these underground passages. There are escalators for going up, but no downs."

She noted, "Poland is not economically affluent, but there was not a lot of poverty that we saw. The economy is based on agriculture, and there is not a lot of mechanization on the farms. There is some outdated World War II machinery being used."

"That's why the Polish are still trying to get someone with capital to go in. There is a lot of Italian capital with German and British coming in, but not so many Americans because of America's quick-profit attitude. The risk-taking in marketing there will be long-term," she added.

America's hand is felt in Poland, however, through the new McDonald's restaurant that recently opened. Mrs. Kozloski said, "We didn't see a lot of soup-and-salad eating places for noontime. There were many open-air cafes or full restaurants—that's why the McDonald's is such a success."

"There were kiosks (portable push carts) to grab a quick bite, too. Soft drinks were usually served without ice. If we found a place that had ice, it was served in a little bowl separately."

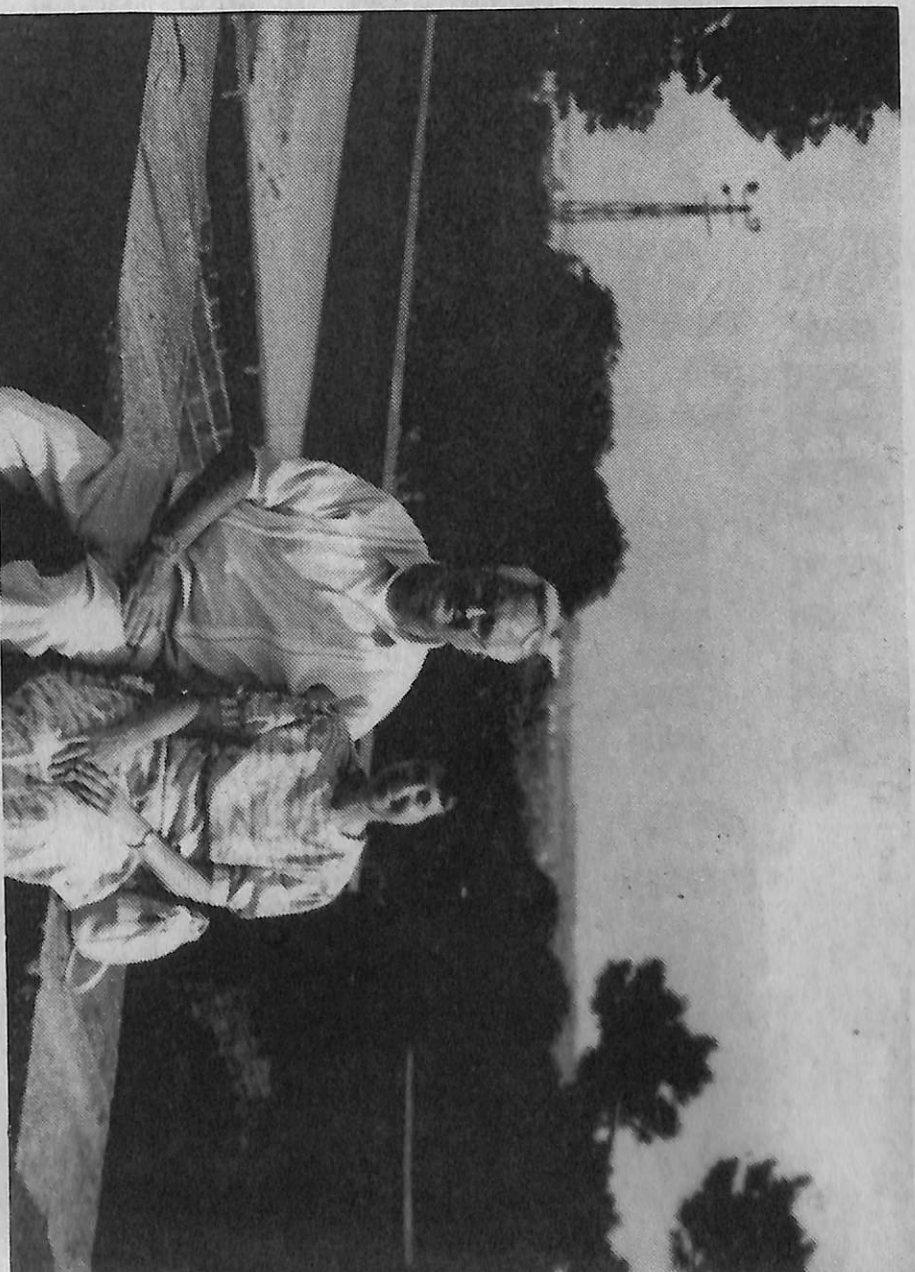
Seeing President Bush In Warsaw

The Kozloskis were able to see President George Bush on Saturday in the old town of Warsaw, which was methodically destroyed during World War II by Hitler's armies.

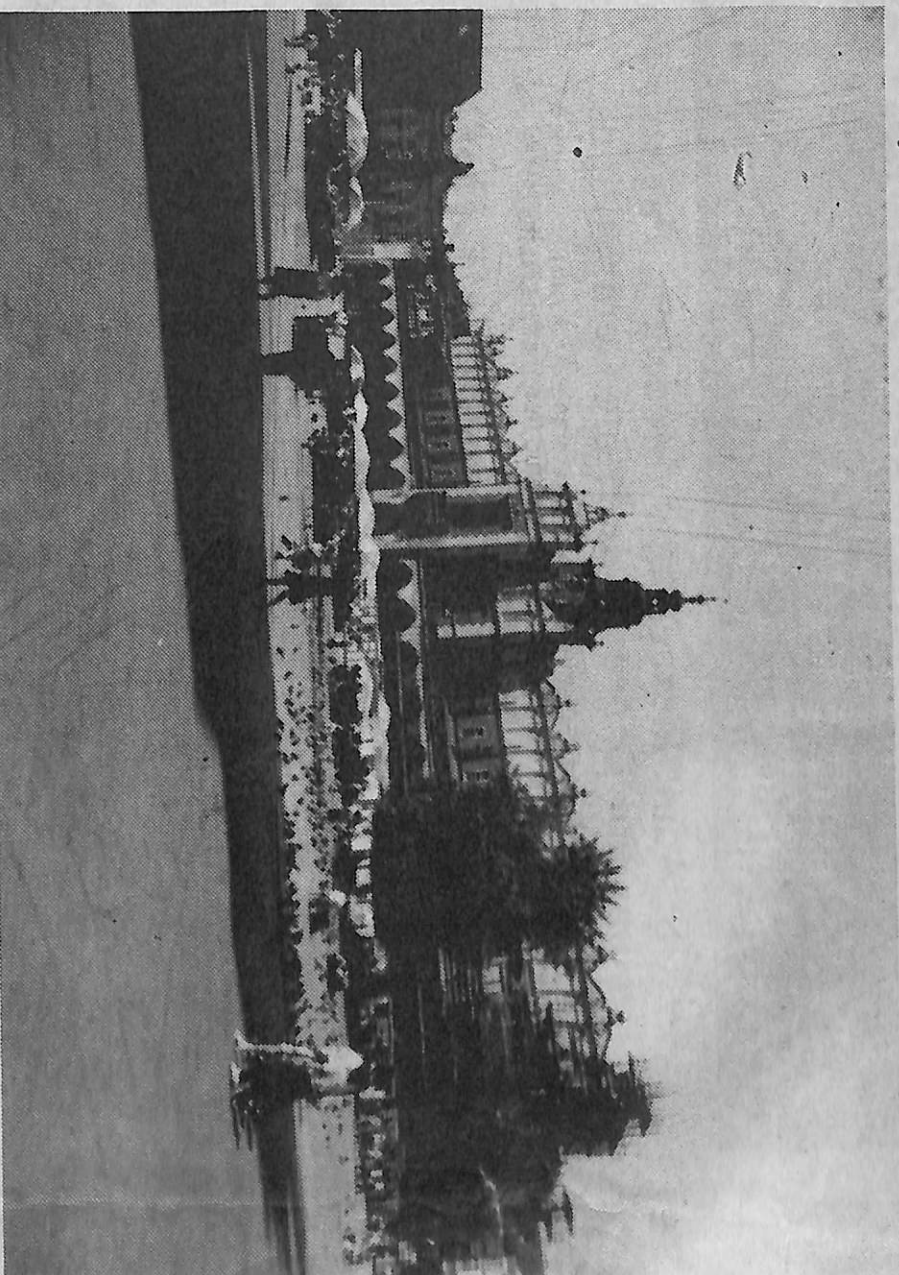
Mrs. Kozloski described Warsaw's history, saying, "The old town is most 18th and 19th century architecture. In 1938, an architect had all his students go into the town square and write down the plans for each building."

"When the war started, he removed the plans from the city and sent them down from the city and hid them. Those are the plans used to rebuild an exact replica of the past."

In order to see President Bush, the Kozloskis had to pass through security. "We had just come from a huge flea market, and Henry had purchas-



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER Teresa Kozloski and her husband, Henry, at the monastery of Jasna-Gora, with its famous icon of the Black Madonna.



IN THE CITY OF KRAKOW, the largest square in Medieval Europe is called Rynek Glowny. Its cloth hall, occupied by market stalls, is at the heart of the square.

ed a sword with an 18" blade which was confiscated by the security," snickered Mrs. Kozloski. (This reporter wondered if security felt the sword was an indication of these Americans' political views!) She added that it awaited their return without any problems.

The Kozloskis also purchased some "golden eagles," which are the "symbol of Poland," Mrs. Kozloski noted. "During Communism, it didn't have the crown, but now it's back. There is a rage now going on with the teens. They all want things with the Russian star and the 'hammer and sickle.'"

"Much of the jewelry," she continued, "is made from amber, which is like a petrified wood. At one time amber was molten, and there is a whole strip of amber in Poland."

"All the cities had a square with churches and restaurants. Up on a hill is the palace where royalty used to live. The square also contains the marketplace that was used to sell their clothes and wares. Goods can still be purchased there. There is a lot of crystal, and puppets are very popular," she said.

Americans Popular In Poland

Mrs. Kozloski noted, "There is a very warm reception for Americans there. The young people travel with backpacks when going to see other parts of their country. They wear a lot of jeans."

She added, "The next day we went to the American Embassy's Fourth of July picnic. We

saw the Wilanow Summer Palace, which is just a museum now with lovely parks surrounding it. The city Krakow is just beautiful, too. It has a 19th century flavor, and it was not destroyed in the war." The city of Gdansk, according to Mrs. Kozloski, "is really German territory. It was established by the Teutonic knights and was destroyed and rebuilt. It is a well-used port city."

The Kozloskis also visited the infamous German concentration camp of Auschwitz to roam the brick buildings where prisoners were kept, and the wooden sheds of the Birkenau concentration camp which is now only a museum.

"It is called Oswiecim in Poland, and this was very sobering," stated Mrs. Kozloski.

On a lighter note, she added, "It was raspberry season. They were all over the place, along with cherries. As we travelled along the road, a jar symbolized (rather than a sign) the coming of a person sitting by the roadside selling raspberries. This is more of the private market being seen."

The Kozloskis have a second daughter, Lena, and a son, Henry, who has also visited Poland. According to Mrs. Kozloski, "(My son) Henry just finished at Rensselaer Institute and is doing some graduate work at Georgia Tech."

Henry and Teresa are Meadow Street residents, although all their children are grown and off making careers. Mrs. Kozloski is also a full-time professor at Bay Path College and is serving her second term on the Agawam School Committee.

RYDER - from Page 1...

Ryder noted, "It is an economic tragedy. Bases are closing all over the nation."

Unfortunately, it is worse for employees at Loring Air Force Base. "The custodians, bus drivers, and teachers have no place within a few hours' radius to go. They will have to relocate their entire lives," Ryder said.

Ryder also recalled some of the more positive aspects of his prior position.

"I never asked to raise taxes in Limestone for the past nine years. We raised enough money to increase the budget, and I left them with a plan that until the year 2001, they won't have to raise the taxes to help support the schools."

Ryder's Career In Education

Ryder's education career began as a combination math teacher and department head. He then became junior high principal and proceeded to senior high principal before becoming superintendent in Coventry, Rhode Island, for three years. He then became superintendent in Dover, New Hampshire, for the next 10 years.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Providence College and a master's degree from Bridgewater State College.

He said, "I have a certificate of advanced graduate studies (CAGS) from the University of Massachusetts and many graduate hours beyond that. I taught university math and curriculum classes at the University of New Hampshire."

Ryder has also had a few "things" published. One of his "photos" was on the cover of a Dover, New Hampshire magazine for the state police called "The Night Stick."

He wrote articles for the publication as well, and comically recalled their stories and titles of irony: "Uncle Sam Says Exercise"; "Hazards of the Two-Car Family"; and "Gentleman—Rotate Your Tires."

On the more serious side, Ryder has also published articles for the *Executive Educator* and written book reviews for the *School Administrator*, a national superintendent's magazine.

His personal data includes his wife, Nancy ("of 37 years"), along with five children—two boys and three girls. He proudly boasted of his children's attributes:

"Gretchen holds a master's degree from Ohio State and was a college registrar and recently a dorm parent. She is married to Attorney Tom Sharry in Wayland, Massachusetts, and they have given us two grandchildren, Bridget and Molly.

"Christopher is a doctor who received his medical training at Dartmouth, and has served as



INCOMING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Bernard Ryder is sworn-in by Town Clerk Richard Theroux as Mayor Christopher C. Johnson looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

an Army emergency room surgeon.

"Jeffrey holds an engineering degree from the University of Northern Iowa. He works for the U.S. Postal Service and has a budget bigger than mine (school budget).

"Priscilla received her master's degree at Boston University. She was originally a teacher and is now into marketing. She was married on September 5th; the wedding took place in a chapel at M.I.T. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

"Suellen is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor's degree. She is a benefit package analyst for a Needham (MA) firm," concluded Ryder.

Ryder's Hobbies

In between raising a large family, administering school systems, publishing, and attending graduate studies, Ryder claims, "Rejuvenating

houses used to be a hobby of mine."

He was not, however, looking for an older home to fix with his relocation to the Agawam area. "I'm now making things for my grandchildren, such as a cradle," he said.

Ryder's administrative educational expertise and strong budgetary knowledge will hopefully make Superintendent James Bruno's retirement in November to his own tenure a smooth transition.

As he was quoted in June, one of his first priorities was to meet with school staff and parents to discuss the present curriculum in Agawam. He has scheduled a meeting with PTO presidents for Tuesday, September 15th.

The Agawam Advertiser News cordially welcomes Ryder and his wife, Nancy, to our area, and sends best wishes for a long and productively successful school tenure in Agawam.

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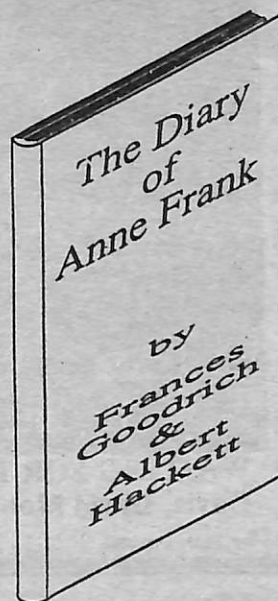


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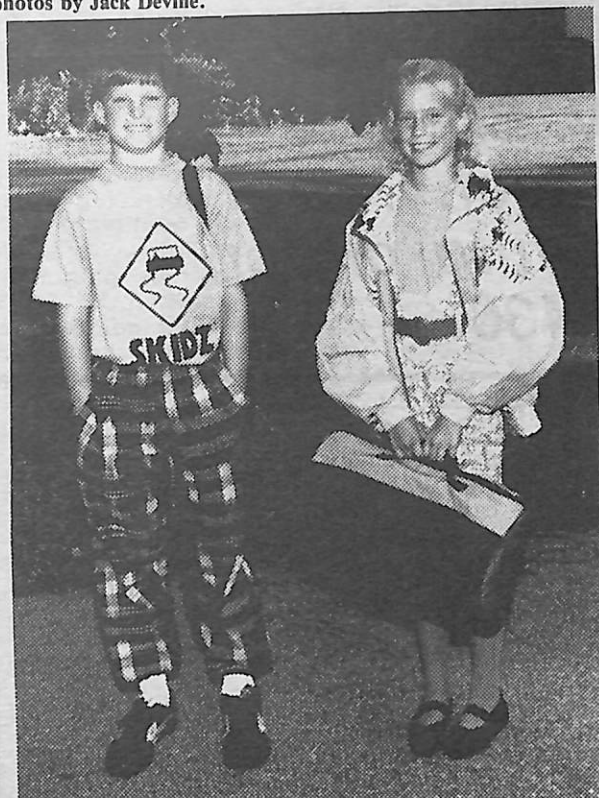
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ROBINSON SCHOOL STUDENTS John DeLucchi (above) and Noelle Sarafino pictured on the first day of school. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



BRAD THERIAQUE and JENNIFER MCGUIRE wait for the school bus on River Road on the first day of school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BRIGHT-EYED FIRST GRADERS Brendan Cavanaugh (left) and Angela Vinton on the first day of school at James Clark School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Girl Scouts Enjoy Day At Town Hall For Govt. Project

On the morning designated as Agawam Government Day, Junior Girl Scouts Bridget Donovan (Troop No. 542 - Doris Donovan, leader) and Jessica Montagna (Troop No. 548 - Helen Manning, leader) reported to the City Council office at the Town Hall.

Their internship was expertly handled by Council President Joanne Willis. The girls, the scouts and all involved, appreciate the effort and time given by Mrs. Willis on behalf of these and other young citizens.

After learning in detail about the workings of our City Council, Jessica and Bridget learned first-hand about the duties and responsibilities of individual councilors as the girls accompanied Mrs. Willis on her rounds.

Both young ladies admitted that it was an educational experience and really exciting. Bridget and Jessica enjoyed visiting other departments and meeting people.

Bridget, a sixth grader at the Agawam Middle School, is the daughter of Jim and Doris Donovan of River Road, Agawam. Along with her brother, Brandon, all members of this family are scouts. In fact, Bridget has been in scouts for six years.

Bridget enjoys all sorts of activities, but especially enjoys camping. She had a great year at school, but is especially proud of the fact that she made the honor roll all four terms. In the future, Bridget hopes to become a lawyer or teacher.

Jessica Montagna is also a sixth grader at the Middle School. She has been a scout since Daisies. A resident of Ottawa Street, Agawam, she resides there with her parents Albert and Linda. Her parents and siblings (Melissa, Richard and Thomas) are also scouts. In fact, her mom has been one of Agawam's "Cookie Moms" for five years.

Besides scouting, this cheerful and friendly young lady enjoys dancing and soccer. For the future, Jessica would like to work with animals - perhaps train dolphins.

AHS Band Parents Parking Big E Cars

On both weekends of the Big E, the Agawam High School Band Parents Association will again sponsor hassle free shuttle parking for the Big E at Agawam High School.

Shuttle parking will be available September 26th and 27th at the same time. Shuttle buses will run continuously between the high school parking lot and Gate 4 of the Big E beginning at 8:00 a.m. The last shuttle will leave the Big E at 9:00 p.m.

Parking will be a nominal charge of \$3 to be collected for the shuttle provided by the Big E. For those fairgoers parking at the high school, weekend discount tickets for the Big E will be available at a cost of \$5.

Discount tickets can be purchased upon payment of the parking fee. There will be no parking at the High School during the week; parking is only available on weekends. With discount tickets, a family of four realizes savings enough to buy that one extra piece of fried dough.

Fairgoers who used the shuttle parking last year remarked over and over on how convenient it was.

All of the proceeds received through parking fees will be used for the benefit of the Agawam High School Band program. Patrons are encouraged to use the shuttle parking. Avoid the hassle of weekend traffic and high priced parking.

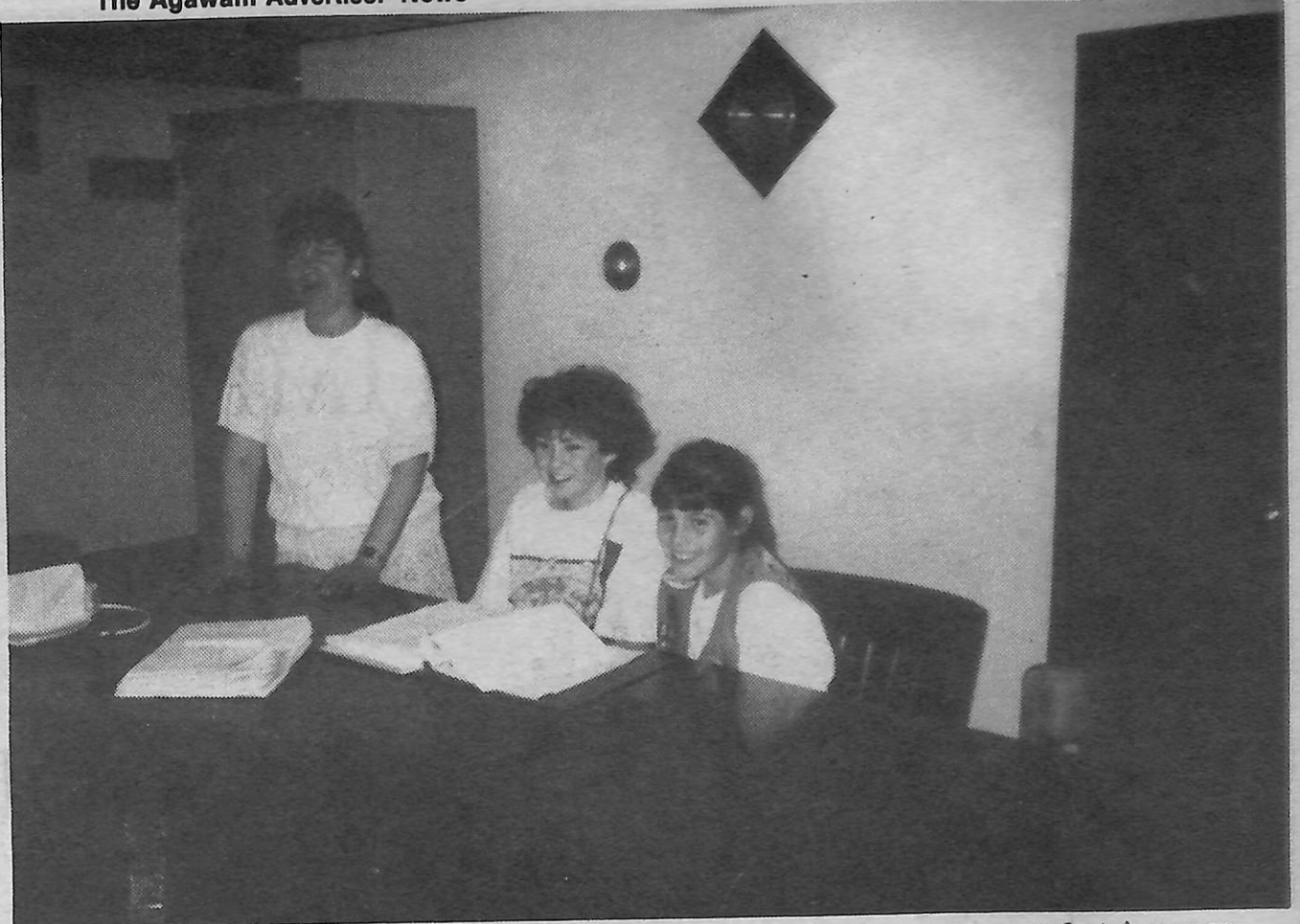
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AGAWAM GIRL SCOUTS Bridget Donovan and Jessica Montagna are greeted at Agawam Town Hall by Town Council President Joanne H. Willis.

Ag. Girl Scouts, Daisies, & Brownies Getting Ready For Another Big Year

Girl scouting is an adventure in learning for all girls ages five to 17. From the youngest girl scout level ("Daisies" in kindergarten) to senior teens in high school, girls participate in many fun and educational activities geared to the five Girl Scout Worlds of Interest—World of Art, Well-Being, People, Today and Tomorrow, and Out-of-Doors.

While working in a group situation with girls her own age, she will have a variety of experiences making projects, learning songs and games, going on trips and campouts, helping other people through service projects, trying her hand at decision-making, learning about different cultures, exploring a career, making new friends, and many more things.

Within the next couple of weeks, the public schools should be sending home interest flyers to girls in Agawam and Feeding Hills. It is necessary that both returning girl scouts and prospective

new girl scouts fill out this form and return it to school (grades kindergarten through four) as quickly as possible.

Grades five and six at the Middle School should mail the interest flyer to the address listed on the bottom of the flyer. If, for any reason, you do not receive an interest form, ask at your school office or call Margaret Bilodeau at 786-9083.

Adult volunteers are also needed to support girl scouting in a number of capacities. Adults may serve as leaders or co-leaders (a brief, free girl scout training session acquaints you with all you have to know), help at troop meetings, help with transportation, be a "Cookie Mom," or participate at a council level on various task forces and committees. No talents are turned away!

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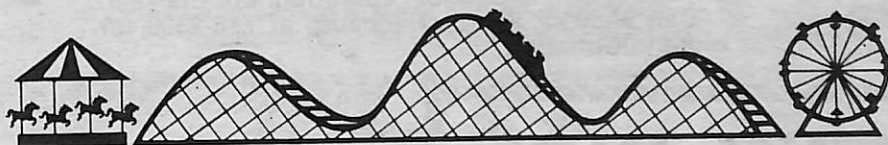
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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 14th: Pepperoni-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, September 15th: Sliced ham and cheese sandwich in roll, mustard & mayonnaise, niblet corn, strawberry shortcake with topping, milk.

Wednesday, September 16th: Carla cheese ravioli with meat-sauce, Italian bread & butter, broccoli cuts, fruit cup or jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, September 17th: Oven baked chicken nuggets, honey & mayonnaise, diced carrots, steamed rice, chilled peaches, milk.

Friday, September 18th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, seasoned green beans, potato puffs with catsup, ice cream, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.)

Perry Lane Nursery Has A Few Openings

Perry Lane Nursery, located at Perry Lane Park, has a few more openings in all sessions. Children must be three years old by September 30th, 1992 to attend the Tuesday/Thursday session, and four years old by September 30th, 1992 to attend the Monday/Wednesday/Friday session. A child need not be a town resident to attend.

The nursery school is operated by the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department and employs a very dedicated staff who create a caring atmosphere that recognizes children as unique individuals stimulating personal growth and development through a variety of sensory experiences.

The school enables a child a chance to grow in self-confidence and independence while getting along with others in a happy environment. It allows the child to make the transition from the home to "a place away from home" and provides an excellent opportunity to prepare the child for kindergarten.

The tuition for the session (which runs from September 1992 to May 1993) is \$585, payable in nine monthly installments. There is no separate registration fee.

For further information, please call the Parks/Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456.

AHS Mohawks Begin 1992-93 Season

The Agawam Marching Mohawks have just begun the 1992-1993 season. Band camp was held from August 24th through 27th, when the members started learning their field show and marching music.

On Thursday evening, August 27th, band parents held an informational evening for new parents as well as the veterans. Everyone in attendance had a chance to see what the students had been working on during the hottest week of the summer. After that, a "march off" was held, which Todd Zern won. (Good job, Todd.)

The fall schedule has been handed out; anyone that hasn't gotten one may contact Mr. Thomson at the high school anytime.

Don't forget—the band is performing at Forest Park on Sunday, September 13th, at 12:00 noon to help kick off the Symphony Hall Concert Series, and also look for the kids to play at The Big E on "Agawam Day" (Thursday, September 17th).

Anyone going to The Big E on a weekend and is looking for a place to park, the Mohawks are providing a service in conjunction with the Exposition at the Agawam High School parking lot. For \$9 you can park, get a shuttle bus in, and admission to the fair on both of The Big E's weekends ... not a bad deal!

Also, on September 27th, the Mohawks are running their annual townwide candy sale. Students in their marching uniforms will be canvassing the town to try to sell \$1 candy bars in order to help defray the cost of bus transportation for events during the year; any help they can receive will be greatly appreciated.

Good luck, Mohawks—Agawam knows you'll do it "with pride."

The next band parents' meeting will be held on Monday, September 28th, at 7:00 p.m.

Openings Available At The Children's Center

Are you looking for a preschool program designed to meet the individual needs of your child? The Children's Center Nursery School, located at 459 Mill Street (across from the high school football field), has several openings available in the afternoon session.

This class meets from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. For further information, please call Sue Wright at 786-1432 or 789-2261.

Cub Pack 75 Slates School Night Sign-Ups

On Tuesday, September 15th, Cub Pack 75 will be holding their School Night registration at Sacred Heart Social Center on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Any boy is welcome to join. It is a simultaneously fun and learning experience, and you will meet other boys from throughout the town. Registration will be held for the following grades: Grade 1, Tiger Cubs; Grade 2, Wolf; Grade 3, Bear; Grade 4, first-year Webelos.

If you missed the pack's earlier sign-up on August 25th, you can come to this one. And, anyone is still free to join up throughout the year.

Call Jack or Nancy Hallbauer at 786-2309 for more information.

AEA Presents Award - from Page 1...

"He began this task in 1990," she noted.

Educational Trust Law

She added, "In October 1991, a state law was passed allowing the formation of an educational trust fund anywhere in the state. The superintendent chairs our committee."

The trust fund committee consists of administrators, School Committee members, and teachers from both elementary and secondary schools, as well as parents.

It is a separate account held in trust by the town treasurer for educational appropriation. The principal amount of the trust will not be expended and will be increased by a percent of the interest each year.

Fifty percent of the monies expended each year will be for kindergarten through sixth grade, and the other half will be spent for grades seven through 12.

The bill to establish the trust fund was sponsored by State Representative Michael Walsh (D-Agawam) and filed on behalf of Tierney.

In March 1991, the Agawam School Committee unanimously endorsed Tierney's plan for the school trust fund before its presentation at the House of Representatives hearing on April 2nd in Boston.

Tierney's Comments Upon Accepting The Award

Tierney accepted an engraved plaque from Mrs. Dion and told the AEA gathering of nearly 300, "In being honored by the AEA, I am humbled by this presentation."

He spoke about coming to the assembly "as a classroom teacher with some of the same feelings and frustration about the priority and importance our society is placing on education."

He noted, "At the national and state levels inaction has become criminal, and these signals send a clear message about our nation's commitment to the next generation of children!"

Tierney recalled the problems created since the passage of Proposition 2½ and the current economy, but added, "This new law deals with the critical problem of getting more money for the main objective of our schools—the instruction of our children."

He categorized a "key problem" being that "most instructional supplies fell under non-fixed accounts," therefore being the first cuts when in "bad economic times."

He stated, "These accounts are the salvation of true reform and improvement of our public schools."

Tierney said the new law creating the educational trust fund was designed to strengthen the alliance of parents and teachers, calling it "an outgrowth of (his) determination to find a way to help teachers get the materials they need to be more effective."

He concluded, "How well you nurture your students will determine how they will grow this school year. Please treat those children with the respect and admiration that we as teachers hunger for each day."

"Know in your hearts that the parents of your Agawam students stand with you in your fight for stronger schools," said Tierney.

He noted that the concept of the trust fund was simple, saying, "We need to invest new financial resources within our schools to give teachers hope for the future."

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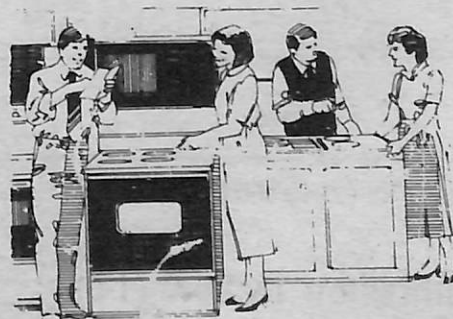
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AHS FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Girls' Soccer Looking Forward To Another Promising Season

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Fifty-two bright eyed, young high school girls surround 11th year coach Bill O'Brien each afternoon as Summer turns to Fall and he tells them confidently that they will have a successful season.

"If I get 100% effort from this group," O'Brien tells *The AAN*, "Agawam High girl's soccer has a chance to do some of the things that we've done before. Starting from the best goalkeeper in the area right through our forward wall, we should have a dynamite team."

O'Brien and his charges have built a solid following over the years as they have steamed to three Western Mass. titles in the past 10 years to go along with a state championship and a host of league titles.

Last season, Agawam lost a tough luck game to Ludlow in the Western Mass. Semi-Finals in a draining 3-2 double overtime match. They concluded the season at 12-6-2. This year, O'Brien looks for them to be even better.

Multi-Talented Team

Agawam has five seniors, four juniors, five sophomores, and three "multi-talented" freshman. Once again, the Brownies can play more than competitively this season and have an eye cast towards the future with its young talented players.

"Kim Trudel (senior) isn't going to fool anybody," O'Brien said late Wednesday afternoon. "She is a tremendous goalie who has started for us since her freshman year. She's the best around and everybody knows it. That fact alone keeps us in every single game we play."

The first line of defense in front of Trudel will be anchored by sophomore Kristin Schmaelzle, who will operate at sweeper. Schmaelzle burst on the scene as a freshman a year ago and more than held her own at stopper. Her booming direct kicks and tenacious defensive ability are sure to be a hit again this season. Junior April Rapa will move into the stopper slot. Junior Allison Jean and sophomore Shauna Naciewicz can capably run the wings as fullbacks for O'Brien.

At midfield, O'Brien looks for big things from April Racicot, tri-captain Debbie Conklin, Lisa Messenger, and Deanna Knodler to see the lion's share of the action. The quartet has a lot of experience and is good at distributing the ball and winning the play in the middle of the field.

The Agawam girls are healthy at the start of the season for the first time in many years. The conditioning portion of their preparation is on schedule. This should help in the early part of the season when they break from the gate with some tough opponents.

Speed, Power, and Experience Up Front

Up front, the Brownies will feature an excellent blend of speed, power, and experience and they will be expected to put the ball in the net often. Senior Stephanie Mason will play striker and will be counted upon to make those straight ahead rushes with her strong and accurate leg.

On the wings, junior Nicole DeCosmo and sophomore Dina DeMarco are a couple of burners with a nose for the goal. DeCosmo had several strong games and has developed much more toughness in the past two seasons and that confidence should blend nicely with her excellent speed to assure her of a fine junior season.

DeMarco is highly touted by her coach and is expected to have plenty of early intensity following a knee injury that sidelined her during her freshman year. "She is going to score a lot of goals for us in the next three years," O'Brien says matter of factly.

Liz Cornwell returns to the varsity and she will be a quality addition to the forward wall. Not blessed with a lot of size, Cornwell is an outstanding shooter and does some good work on right wing. Farah Lally is also in the mix offensively.

The freshmen O'Brien is counting upon include Allison Reseigne, Erica Schlaffer, and Courtney Hyland. These kids are billed as being fine prospects with good, early skills. O'Brien plans to use them at every opportunity as the season rolls along.

Other players that will see action include Diane Deluce, Brooke Hollister, and Katie LaBreck.

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Vecchiarelli's Varsity Football Gang Sees Fall Campaign As Battle Of The Trenches

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Yup, it's time to line 'em up 11 on 11 and see who is the biggest and the baddest. And there are whispers in the air that Agawam High just might be among the baddest this year. Certainly, they will be one of the biggest and most experienced teams in Western Massachusetts.

Vecchiarelli Back For Third Year

Coach Dean Vecchiarelli is back for his third year at the wheel of the Brownie pigskin brigade and he is looking forward to his best year yet. "We did lose our entire backfield from last season, but I truly believe that the heart of a football team is in the trenches and we will field a big, strong quality unit on both sides of the ball."

"We play basic, fundamental ball control football and the only teams that should be able to beat us will be the teams that are big and strong physically and can push us around. I don't expect a lot of teams to be able to do that."

As camp winds down, Vecchiarelli is watching a battle between junior Dan Moriarty and sophomore Dave Curley at the quarterback spot. "If we can get just a halfway decent season from that position, we will do really well, I think. Moriarty is an excellent decision maker and he is good on his feet. He is a fine athlete and I like him. Curley is young and still growing. He learns very fast and we love his quick release. It's a good battle and we are enjoying watching these young guys compete."

The backfield will consist of Marcus Trinchini at fullback. This senior runs like a truck and loves to bang people. He will be pushed by Stephen Decoteau, a junior, who has really impressed the staff with his outstanding blocking and surehandedness.

The tailback slot will be a revolving door as Tom Briggs (senior), Mike Spiriti (senior), and Jason Votzak (sophomore) will split the duties (depending on the situation). Briggs is quick and can get outside; Spiriti will get many carries because he can go up inside and cause good things to happen; and Votzak is the "back of the future" at Agawam who will see plenty of early action.

Passing Game Full of Potential

Vecchiarelli is excited about his passing game featuring Bob Kunkel, who can run precise patterns and make catches in traffic. Sophomore Nathan Wooley can blaze down the field and really has a nose for the football. Wooley will also assume some of the punting chores because Vecchiarelli loves to have options on the special teams. Many high school coaches fear the bad snap, the fumbled snap, and a host of other strange occurrences from the punting unit.

With Wooley back there, a busted play could turn into a big first down or at least positive yardage.

Tight end will be manned by two way man Todd Chamberlain and Christian Paluck. Both kids are big and tough and can get the job done in the short passing game as well as providing a couple of big bookends for the power formations.

Still, the bread and butter of the squad will be the rough and tumble offensive line which boasts four of five returning starters led by Josh Tudryn (C), Nick Langone (LT), Dana Fuller (RG), and Joe

Iarusso (RT). Joe Blanca breaks the lineup at the left guard position.

Vecchiarelli is also pleased with the addition of a host of underclass linemen, including versatile Dan McCarthy (Junior), and Mark Sales (Sophomore). McCarthy stepped up a year ago and played some fine ballgames at center and also operated at long snapper for the kicking game. Sales has been getting a look at long snapper, too, as McCarthy is a bit banged up heading toward the opener against Hoosac Valley (September 19th on the road).

On defense, new coordinator Eric Lunden is happy in the early going. He feels there is depth on the Agawam team that hasn't been seen in quite a few seasons.

With the experienced linemen previously mentioned, along with Jesse Cassinghino and Brian King, Lunden sees a surplus of quality young linebackers only serving to help the Brownie cause in '92.

Chris Benjamin hasn't found a sure starting spot, but he'll see plenty of action because of his ability to play well at a number of different positions. Moriarty, Briggs, Kunkel, and Brian Pelligrino will see a lot of time in the defensive backfield.

Vecchiarelli is delighted with several unexpected performances and performers as the calendar turned from August to September. He is high on 150 pound junior John Hogan, who has come to camp and showed promise at a variety of positions, including tailback, wideout cornerback, and safety.

"He's the kind of kid that comes to play every day and we'll find a way to get him onto the field this year," Vecchiarelli said.

The other big story in camp is Brian Anderson (junior), who stepped out of one of those generic huddles and offered to give placekicking a try. Seems he has already belted a couple through the uprights from nearly 50 yards away. And a weapon like that in high school is a rarity. Teammates and coaches are already calling him "Morten"! Adding a solid kicking game to a ball control ballclub has never hurt anybody in the win/losses department.

Coaching Changes

On the coaching front, there have been changes made again as Vecchiarelli continues to fine tune for the third straight year. Lunden, longtime coach, moves up to take the defensive coordinator slot vacated by hardworking Gary Geiger. Pete Vecchiarelli, Dean's brother, is on the scene to work with the offensive line and the outside linebackers.

New man Curt Boyle will work with the inside linebackers and the wide receivers. And, graduate assistant Dan Rose has volunteered to help the team and the coaches all feel that they have benefitted by Rose's presence. "It's a good staff," Vecchiarelli told *The AAN*. "It's working well early. I think they'll do an excellent job."

The Brownies open with three straight weeks on the road as they square off with Hoosac Valley, Chicopee, and Holyoke before returning home to open against Westfield October 9th.

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AHS Fall Sports Preview - continued...

Brownie Boys' Soccer Seeking To Put '91 Behind Them; Look To Much Improved '92

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Dick Cowles always talks with his head up. Always. The eighth year Agawam High boys' soccer coach spoke candidly about last season's 1-10-6 record. "We had a bad season last year. But we didn't play bad."

Cowles told *The AAN* that he was proud of the effort, hustle, and determination of his team last season despite the win/loss column. "We had six ties (including Ludlow) and we lost a bunch of games by just one goal—a bunch of them. We were tied with Central (last year's Western Mass. champ) with just one minute to go before they scored two goals in the game's final minute. We were right there all season. We have nothing to be ashamed of regarding our record."

"Besides, we have a great group this season. We are looking ahead, not behind. I believe we have a shot at qualifying for the post-season this year."

Agawam High soccer may change its look a bit this season. Cowles has long been a defensive minded coach, but he feels he may open things up a bit this campaign. He looks to go to a 4-4-2 set with high flying **Luis Savina** and **Dave Zielinski** being the featured offensive players.

"I know that both of those kids are proven scorers and they will put the ball in the goal for us. Add **Scott Rapacki** to the mix as an attacking center halfback and we should have a great front."

"Rapacki. I just can't say enough about him. He smashes the soccer ball and does a lot of the offensive things very well, including ball distribution, making the correct pass at the correct time, and he is blessed with excellent vision. He is one quality player," notes Cowles.

Vinnie Petrangelo and **Ryan Willett** will also see action on the forward line. Both kids are capable, aggressive players who should work into the mix offensively.

Experience In Midfield Area A Plus

Back at midfield along with Rapacki, Cowles has pencilled in **Paul Klisiewicz**, **Matt Loubier**, and **Mike Knodler**. All picked up valuable experience a year ago and Cowles looks for that experience to benefit Agawam in the midfield area.

Defensively, Cowles feels that Agawam must learn quickly as this is one area that might involve a learning curve. "We are not a big team and our defense has not been together very long. Our goalkeeping should be very good and we'll have to protect them with some young players. But, this is a tough unit and I believe that they'll come together quickly," stated Cowles.

Brian Crowley will be under the spotlight early as he will probably get the nod at sweeper back. "He's tall and he is very good in the air," said Cowles. "He gets to the ball and he has a lot of speed. He's working on becoming a leader of the defense as his communications gets a little better, he'll become more of a force and a presence for us out on the field. He's going to be a good one."

Adam Tebaldi, a sophomore, should provide a tough and speedy stopper back. Cowles told us that Tebaldi is not big physically, but he plays big and he expects a solid job from Tebaldi. On the defensive wings, fullbacks **Aaron Schmaelzie** and **Jason Rocca** figure to get the starting nod with sophomore **Frank Fila** getting playing time back there as well.

Backups in the midfield area will be **Chris Wilkie**, **John O'Brien**, and **Kevin Willard**. All three can be counted upon for quality and non-stop action when they are inserted into the lineup, according to Cowles.

Goalkeeping A Two-Way Battle

Last years goalkeeper, **Scott Bleau**, finds himself knee-deep in a battle for his job with **Judson Graham**. Bleau had some fine moments a year ago while Graham was on the shelf (injured). Both guys are in camp and healthy. "Both are looking real good early on and I would have to give the edge to Graham right now. It's a pleasant problem to have when you have two good kids working hard for something."

Agawam once again faces a very difficult assignment out of the chute as they will have to open on the road at perennial powerhouse Ludlow September 14th. They follow that with a trip to archrival Cathedral before finally coming home to open against East Longmeadow on the 18th.

The team is excited about getting a shot at neighboring Southwick this season in an independent game under the lights on Columbus Day and they are hoping for a big crowd for that one. Also, the Ludlow game scheduled for October 6th at Harmon Smith Field has been changed to a night game to accommodate a big crowd.

"Every year, I look forward to a successful season," Cowles said. "This year is no different. Glenn Olsen (Junior Varsity coach) has an excellent way with the younger kids and he is a quality addition around here. The kids are developing quite a mental toughness and they are looking for a positive change this season. I think we'll do very well. We'll come to play every game

AHS Gymnastics Set Sights On Top Spot In Division B

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

To hear Agawam High gymnastics Coach Michelle Willard tell it, the Brownies will win the "B" Division this season simply because her team wants it more ... "We have the will and desire to win it all, and we are tired of second place."

Second place is exactly where the Brownies finished last season and the year before that, too. "We won the competition for 'Best Attitude' and 'Best Sportsmanship,' but we want to win the whole thing this year. We lost some quality performers from last year (four seniors graduated) and our division is very strong. But, I believe that we can do it," said Miss Willard.

We talked with Miss Willard while the team was conducting a car wash to try to raise money for some new equipment last Saturday morning across from Agawam High. They may lack equipment, but they don't lack quality competitors.

The team will be led by **Rachael White**, who was an All-Western Mass gymnast (and diver on the swim team) last season. She finished third in Western Mass in vaulting at the Individuals and she is strong in all four events. "Rachael is also a team leader," says Miss Willard.

Junior **Beth Lacienski** made the All Western Mass 2nd Team two years in a row and has her sights set higher this season. She promises to be a strong all-around contender in Western Mass this season.

Senior **Brenda Hadden** is a newcomer who is promising and she'll join **Tammy Leary** (a consistent all-arounder), **Kim McKay** (back from injury—a great competitor with a ton of team pride and spirit), **Holly Deyo** ("we're counting on her to have her strongest year yet"—Miss Willard) and **Nina Giordano** (another solid performer).

Lynda Wage has been strong on the balance beam and floor exercises and **Charity Doe** is a fine vaulter and a good gymnast.

Miss Willard also has newcomers, including junior **Erin Pettazoni**, who is on the team for the first time, but show excellent athleticism. Freshmen **Becky White** and **Danielle LaBarre** add depth to the team. White figures to give Agawam addition points on the bars.

Willard figures that the enthusiasm, talent, and intensity of the team, coupled with solid experience from the returnees and the depth of the newcomers, makes them a can't miss candidate for the crown.

They do not compete until September 29th against Lenox. That meet is scheduled for Agawam High School at 6:30 p.m.

Be sure to turn our pages this fall for all the high school sports action - AAN!

GIRLS' SOCCER - from Page 41...

Season Opener In Wilbraham

Agawam will open September 15th on the road in Wilbraham when it faces off against the Falcons of Minnechaug. The locals come home to open at Harmon Smith Field with a 6:30 game against Wahconah under the lights. "Yes, that's a tough early independent game, but we want to

play our best all the time and we can be sure of doing that by playing the best teams around," said O'Brien. The Brownies have beaten Wahconah 2-1 and 1-0 respectively in the Western Mass. quarterfinals for the past two seasons.

As far as O'Brien the coach goes, he was asked if he was planning to make any changes this season personally. "Nope. I'm going to be the same graceful self I've always been."

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AHS Fall Sports Preview - continued...**Field Hockey Looks To Continue Climb Up The Ladder In Division I Play**

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

I never really know how to write this one. Field hockey is still such an oddball sport to me, but Cindy Grieve coaches it so hard and the kids just keep turning out in such numbers that it nearly fascinates me.

Four seasons ago when I started watching this sport, Agawam had a horrendous club. They won one game that season and really only put the ball in the goal twice all year long!

Since that time, Miss Grieve has patiently put together a club that made it all the way to the playoffs a year ago--and they belonged in the playoffs.

While some area teams simply get bigger and stronger athletes and smash the ball up the field, Miss Grieve installs a systematic passing game that involves everybody on the field and the program is on the rise.

"Oh sure. I still love this game. It's a great game and it is beautiful to watch when it is played correctly," Miss Grieve says while squinting in the early September sunshine. "Our team understands the challenges that we face. We do not have a superstar, so we know that we must all do it together. The kids are accepting that challenge and some are really stepping up to meet it head on. We must work as a unit and do things properly. I'm looking forward to a good season."

Last Season Ended With Thriller

Last year, Agawam was 8-4-5 on the season and it gave powerhouse Southwick something to think about by dropping a thrilling 2-1 game on enemy turf with a wild band of supporters complete with banners, whistles, and horns.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of 60 kids have

again come out for the sport and they'll work with a quality coaching staff which includes Miss Grieve, Lisa O'Connor, Heather Stevens, and student teacher Cindy Strang. Even softball/basketball coach Debbie Lickley was spotted out there helping the goaltenders. These kids won't lose for lack of instruction.

"This is great," said Miss Grieve. "There is a lot of interest in this program. Just look at the freshman situation. We now have a freshman team with 26 kids out there. Last year, we only had four freshmen. We have had some meaningful talks with our kids and we must learn to pick up our intensity early in the year, early in their careers. There is no need to waste time. We are miles ahead of where we were three years ago."

Kerry Thompson and Gina Serra are battling for the goalkeeper slots. The team returns 12 letter winners, including seniors Stacy Johnson, Beth Schroeder, Ann Maklary, Lynn Moreau, Beth McNamee, Karen Bottasso, and Shannon Hogan. There are also five juniors who proudly wear that letter: Katie Poulos, Jamie Lewis, Rose Pignatara, Brenda Borkdsky and Thompson.

Promising newcomers to the Agawam program include senior Laura Bleilitz; juniors Katie Berry, Debbie Parslow, Jen Goodfellow, and Serra. Lauren Seymour, a notable softball performer, is a sophomore with some promise, and Miss Grieve was excited about freshmen surprises Kristin Scirpo and Becky Wing.

They'll open the season on September 14th, against Northampton (at home) and follow that up with a September 16th date with the Falcons of Minnechaug. They face a tough night road assignment at Longmeadow on September 17th.

Bob Johnson On Sports...**Some Great Grid Fun At Elbow Lounge**

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Well, I never did get involved personally in Fantasy Football. Despite the amount of time and effort I expended and the enjoyment I derived from Fantasy Baseball this summer, Fantasy Football just wasn't in the cards.

I was going to join a local league in Fantasy Football, but time and money constraints did me in at the 11th hour and I was forced to pass on the opportunity.

I'm sure that I will regret not getting in the league when all is said and done. But, an opportunity did arise that may fill the void.

After a long weekend with the children, I decided to stop over to the Elbow Lounge to watch a quarter of the Notre Dame-Northwestern clash late Saturday afternoon.

I had three bucks and a dry throat, and the Elbow seemed a perfect spot to sit and unwind for an hour. I got there at about 4:30 and found out that they would be having their Annual Fantasy Football League Draft at 5:00 p.m.

Agawam High football defensive coordinator, Eric Lunden, stopped in about 20 minutes later, and we were contemplating joining in the fun. We decided to pass. Both of us just have too much going on, and we figured that we wouldn't give it the full attention that it would take to be successful.

Eric And I Joined The "Draft"

But, we were able to fully participate in the draft, and we had a ball doing so. You see, Fitzie (the bartender) was forced to do double duty while the draft was taking place. He had to fill the empty glasses and crank the tops off the bottles while trying to stay focused on the task at hand.

After he selected (choke, burg, giggle) Rich Gannon with his first pick, I knew it was time to act. "Fitzie. Rich Gannon? Is you crazy? Which side of the turnip truck did you fall from?" He told us he was from Milwaukee, and we realized we had work to do. The boy needed help.

At any rate, the crowded gin mill was lively for the next couple of hours, and we think that we did Fitzie proud. He'll have a happy Christmas with the roster that we helped him put together.

Without wasting valuable newspaper space, here's the roster that Fitzie will be fighting with ... at least until he makes an ill-advised trade without consulting Eric and me.

Fitzie's Fantasy Football Roster

* QB's—Gannon, Jeff George, and Todd Marinovich.

* Running Backs—Nick Bell, Brad Muster, Roger Craig, and Eric Fenney.

* Wide Receivers—Michael Haynes, Louis Lipps, Eddie Brown, Tom Waddle, and Rickey Natliel.

* Tight Ends—Jay Novacheck and Butch Rolle.

* Kickers—Kevin Butler and Al DelGreco.

* Defenses—Atlanta and Miami.

SEE ELBOW LOUNGE - Page 44...

Local Students Benjamin & Boutwell Playing Fall Sports At WNEC

John Benjamin and Bryan Boutwell will be members of sports teams at Western New England College this fall.

Benjamin, a junior finance major, will be an offensive tackle for the WNEC football team under second-year coach Gerry Martin. A graduate of Agawam High School (where he lettered in football), he is the son of Roy and Virginia Benjamin of Feeding Hills.

Boutwell, a senior industrial engineering major, will be a team captain for WNEC's men's soccer team under third-year coach Jim Fonte. The son of

James and Jeanne Kopcinski of Agawam, he attended Agawam High School, where he lettered in soccer and hockey.

Western New England College is a private coeducational institution located on a 131-acre suburban campus in Springfield, MA. The college serves more than 6,100 full-time and part-time students with undergraduate and graduate programs in its School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Engineering, and School of Law.

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Clay Court Tourney Slated In Sept. At Forest Park Courts

The annual Robert Freeman Memorial Greater Springfield Tennis Tournament is set for September 16th through 20th at the Forest Park clay courts on Sumner Avenue in Springfield.

The tournament, which has been won by former pro tour players Tim and Chris Mayotte and current New England No. 1 Val Wilder, features a record-high 18 divisions this year.

The divisions are: men's A singles and doubles; men's B singles and doubles; men's C singles; men's 35 singles and doubles; men's 45 singles and doubles; men's 55 singles; women's singles; women's 35 singles; women's A and B doubles; mixed A and B doubles; boys' 14 singles; and girls' 14 singles.

The entry fee is \$15 for each singles event and \$25 per team for each doubles event. For boys' and girls' singles events, the fee is \$5. Players are allowed to enter a maximum of one singles event and two total events.

The entry deadline is Tuesday, September 15th, at 7:00 p.m. for singles events, and Friday, September 18th, at 7:00 p.m. for doubles events.

Entry forms can be obtained at the Forest Park clay courts or by phoning Rudy Altobelli at 786-0400, ext. 220 (work), or 786-1577 (home).

Lung Association Has Cape Cod Bike Trip

There is still time to sign up for the American Lung Association's Autumn Escape Bike Trek to be held September 18th, 19th, and 20th at Cape Code. You can ride three days or two days.

The Bike Trek starts in Plymouth and ends in Provincetown, where all the trekkers and their bikes return by boat on the "Atlantic Clipper" to Plymouth.

Jim Cline, Sports Director for TV-40, will be joining us this year. For more information, call 737-3506.

ELBOW LOUNGE - from Page 43...

Fitzie did take Michael Haynes early in the draft, and the fleet-footed Falcon grabbed two first-quarter TD passes against the Jets last weekend.

Nick Bell scored from a yard out for the Raiders. Waddle (whom we advised against because he is just a possession receiver) scored the game-winning TD for the Bears. Butler scored a ton of points in a 27-24 win for Chicago.

And, the rest of the guys will produce solid results throughout the year, especially George, whom we figure will be very, very good this season once he comes off IR.

I may not have a team, but I'll be pulling for Fitzie.

For copies of photographs in this edition, call photographer Jack Devine at his Agawam home, 789-0053. Thank you.

Bob Johnson On Sports...

Thirtysomething Sports Writer Now Missing The Boat On Games, Names

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Life changes so much and yet life stays so very much the same. Minutes ago, I was seated in my bathroom and I was watching a couple innings of the Labor Day Holiday Softball Tournament being played in Borgatti Field.

Ten years ago, I played in those tournaments every weekend. We travelled hither and fro getting our hacks in. This summer, I talked with three or four of my old Navy buddies, and I learned that I was the only one of us that even got an at-bat this season. It was sad to hear; even sadder to know that I was 0-4 in my dealings at the plate. Time is moving by so fast.

Now, I am at my computer and seated beside me is my three year-old son, Bradley. He is accomplishing artwork that is beyond my comprehension. The closest I ever came to accomplishing anything in the field of art was a second place finish in the Art Contest when I was in second grade at St. Joseph's School in Burlington, Vermont a couple of light years ago.

I had a board game called All Star Baseball and I conned my mom into tracing the picture on the front of the box. Little did she know that I would be entering that particular effort in the contest. I was proud as punch of my little ribbon.

Soon, Bradley will begin memorizing statistics that will stagger my mind. He'll know current batting averages, ERA's, and probably fielding stats too. I remember when I was little that I could rattle off the top 10 in each league without drawing a breath. I also remember figuring that it would always be that way.

My mind is now full of life's other statistics and there is no longer room for some of that extraneous information that used to fill my little head. Credit card interest, mortgage amortization, and 36-month car payment balances have entered the mix and pushed many other things to the back (or out of my cranium entirely).

The LA Raiders are a perfect example. I used to know the entire roster of players along with the vital statistics such as height, weight, college attended, and favorite Saturday night activity.

Of course, on the Raiders, every one of them had the same favorite Saturday night agenda so it was easier to retain in my memory bank.

Sunday night, the Raiders took their new "Just Win Baby" bunch out to the Mile High City to play against Big John Elway and the Broncos. It soothes me a little bit to hear names like Eric Dickerson, Marcus Allen, Karl Mecklenburg, and Ronnie Lott. It's just a little something that is left

to connect me to the "Good Old Days."

But, there were many more names that didn't ring a bell at all. So the time has come for me to make a little adjustment. Do you remember your grandfather watching the game and making a comment "Hey, that number 56 sure made a heck of a tackle on that play. He's one tough piece of leather."

That might have been Lawrence Taylor or Andre Tippett that made the play, but Grampa was right on it. And, I am getting closer and closer to Grampa.

One of my favorite days in the sportscasting field was a day when I spent about three hours with Johnny Pesky and a pretty fair country ball player named Ted Williams down in Winter Haven one year.

They seemed to know every modern day ballplayer. They could draw a verbal picture of his stance, windup, pitch selection, or physical stature, but they couldn't latch onto his name to save their life. That's why they had me around.

So the Raider game became a series of thoughts like "That number 94 sure gets around that corner fast and he is looking to lay Elway up until Christmastime." Or "Those kids in the Raider secondary are gonna take a cheap penalty and cost us this ballgame, especially that number 99."

Well, 94 got three sacks and caused a big fumble and 99 threw Elway about 30 feet across the sideline and under a bench. Eight hours later, I can't remember either one of their names. I guess they are unimportant.

I still enjoy the little thrill we all experience when we pick a name out of thin air from a past and fleeting memory. It's a game that I love to play with my dad when we are together. We remember guys like Effren Herreira and Freeman White and Charlie Gogolak, and we get a big kick out of ourselves.

Of course, it's usually a lot of brain-tapping, finger-snapping and usually a long distance phone call. About four days later, we usually get it. I imagine it is a game that we'll play until the end of time.

Yes, football season is here again. College and professional players have already strapped 'em up and the high schoolers aren't far behind. It must be the best time of the year. Expectations and anticipation runs high and everybody has a chance to win. On any given Sunday...

I just wish that I could stop biting my nails during those close ballgames because my fingers are killing me after just one Sunday this season.

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Sports A La Carte...

Fay Vincent Was Bad PR Man; A's Unload Canseco With Great Deal

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There has been a lot of hullabaloo in sports since I took my annual two week summer sabbatical. But like everything that has come before it, it will run its course...

First, FAY VINCENT vacillates back and forth about litigation and resignation and decides on the latter. I'll tell you this: He might have known his stuff regarding baseball and how to be an executive, but I found him to be one of the most boring communicators of our time.

I feel that I have an extensive vocabulary and yet found it very difficult to sift through the statements he made during his tenure in office. Baseball is a beautiful, pastoral game that has lived through the ages and this man did not seem to represent it very well from a public relations viewpoint.

That's not to say that I agree with the immature owners who want a puppet figurehead. Their egos are only surpassed by their wallets. I think that all things being equal, the salaries of the players will level off pretty quickly and maybe even begin a small nosedive which returns some of them to semi-reality.

Baseball will survive and I will be most interested to see who comes in next to relieve Vincent...

Sticking with baseball, JOSE CANSECO is an outstanding power hitter in Major League Baseball. He is not bigger than the game. He has done things that other players wouldn't dream of doing. He has marquee value and his off-field lifestyle has drawn the ire of many, excluding myself. What he does with guns, cars, rock stars, and so forth are his business.

I do not find myself among the journalists who seem to believe that their job is synonymous with being a private detective. They should have been doing stories on what Jose physically does to baseball or why his strong arm actually hurts the team defensively. How about how he makes managers wear out their bullpens?

Instead, they choose to make the young man a folk hero/outlaw and then wonder why he acts the way he does in his private life. Jose has left the Bay Area for Texas in a mind-boggling deal. I say the Rangers got jammed big time in the deal.

We must be reminded that the Boston Red Sox could have gotten Canseco for TOM BRUNANSKY, GREG HARRIS, and FRANK VIOLA. And the near cellar-dwelling Red Sox passed! The Rangers sent perhaps the third or fourth best player in the league (RUBEN SIERRA), one of the premier closers in the AL (JEFF RUSSELL), and a beebe throwing righty (BOBBY WITT) to Oakland for a three-for-one swap.

Like so many of you, I do not know the contractual arrangements such as on how long Canseco will stay in Arlington or what Sierra's or Russell's obligations are to Oakland. But on the surface, I say that the A's win the thing hands down. Sierra for Canseco even up would have been fair, but now the A's have Russell in front of Eckersly in that bullpen and that allows guys that Witt to survive for five or six innings and then turn it over to a well-equipped bullpen.

The A's might have struggled a bit after Canseco left, but they will win the AL West and then they will have a super shot to shut down the Jays (or Orioles) and play in the Fall Classic. (However, the Atlanta Braves will win it all anyway and JEFF REARDON will be on the hill partying and all of Red Soxdom will suffer another sharp pain!)

JIM COURIER sure played some tennis when he stepped up against JOHNNY MAC on Monday at the U.S. Open. He sent John's serves back faster than they came in many times and it seemed he made the right decision on nine of every 10 shots...Please don't totally miss out on GARY SHEFFIELD'S super season in San Diego. There is no other possible pick for MVP in that league. He has been immense since week one.

I don't see him catching FRED MCGRIF (his Padre teammate) in the homer chase, but I think he'll win the other two-thirds of the Triple Crown...

BROWNING NAGLE gave Jets fans something to latch onto with his super performance on Sunday. That kid threw for 366 yards in his varsity debut...Do you think Notre Dame had a few of the gamblers squirming last Saturday? They played Northwestern in Soldiers Field (Chicago) and came out a 34½ point favorite. Midway through the second quarter, the score was tied 7-7 and Northwestern's little quarterback was driving the Irish nuts.

FOOTNOTE: ND wins in a walk, 42-7. For you folks that aren't math majors, they won by 35 and covered the spread by a half point. They had it all the way...

Boston College's QB, GLENN FOLEY, looked great in the Eagles' opening day win against Rutgers, but they will never ever fully replace the little fellow from Natick...By the time you read this, ROBIN YOUNT will probably have already collected his 3,000th hit. Someday we might be writing and reading about his 4,000 hit. It's nice when those wonders come from small markets. That guy could have broken the bank in LA or New York on several occasions, but he built up a loyal Midwestern following and decided to make a career of it.

Rockin' Robin is a credit to the game and an incredible athlete. He can still turn anybody's fastball around and he is the epitome of a clutch and versatile baseball player. Get em', Rockin' Robin...

The Boston Bruins must think that the recently acquired DARIN KIMBLE is one fine hockey player because my untrained eye believed that KEN HODGE was a star of the future and he was shipped along with MATT HARVEY in a trade to the Lightning of Tampa Bay. I don't understand...

CARLTON FISK should have easily passed BOB BOONE as the all-time leader in games caught this season. But injuries, RON KARKOVIC, and an unsympathetic White Sox management team have precluded that from happening.

I think that the record is important enough for him to come back again next season and I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see that fantastic career end in BOSTON. Just a hunch...

Local Swimmers Compete In CT State Championships

The Aquabears, a USA Swim Team from Connecticut, is pleased to announce the results of the Long Course Age Group Championships held July 31st through August 2nd at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

Local residents who swam in this competition included: Jeffrey Rivkin, Michael Grant, Matthew Slattery, Brendan Kilrain, Jennifer Modzelesky, Eileen Daly, Patricia Olson, Kristine Modzelesky, Sarah Pliska, and Heather Pliska.

The results are as follows:

Jeffrey Rivkin—8th, 100M Butterfly; 12th, 200M Freestyle; 200M Individual Medley; and 50M Butterfly; 13th, 100M Backstroke; and 14th, 50M Backstroke.

Michael Grant: 6th, 100M Backstroke and 200M Freestyle; 7th, 100M Breaststroke; and 200M Individual Medley; 9th, 50M Backstroke; and 10th, 100M Butterfly.

Brendan Kilrain: 13th, 100M Breaststroke, and 15th, 50M Breaststroke.

Kristine Modzelesky: 12th, 400M Individual Medley.

Sarah Pliska: 15th, 400M Individual Medley.

Eileen Daly: 15th, 50M Butterfly, and 16th, 100M Butterfly.

Jennifer Modzelesky: 5th, 100M Butterfly; 6th, 200M Individual Medley; 10th, 50M Butterfly; 12th, 100M Breaststroke; and 14th, 200M Freestyle.

Patricia Olson: 1st, 50M Backstroke (Conn. State Champion); 2nd, 100M Backstroke; 4th, 200M Individual Medley; 6th, 100M Freestyle and 400M Freestyle; and 8th, 200M Freestyle.

Heather Pliska: 1st, 800M Freestyle (Conn. State Champion); 2nd, 1500M Freestyle; 4th, 200M Breaststroke; 5th, 100M Breaststroke; 7th, 200M Freestyle; and 9th, 400M Freestyle.

Three of the above swimmers advanced to the Eastern Zone Championships held August 12th through 15th at Rutgers University, Pastagay, New Jersey. These championships consisted of top swimmers from the eastern states (from Maine down to Virginia).

The swimmers were Jennifer Modzelesky (100M Butterfly), Patricia Olson (50M Backstroke, 100M Backstroke, 200M Individual Medley), and Heather Pliska (100M Breaststroke).

Heather Pliska and Patricia Olson were members of several relay teams which went on to make National Top 16 times. Both swimmers performed their best individual times.

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by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In our ever challenging attempt to give our readers something fun to read in our sports pages, we have come up with something new beginning next week.

In last week's edition, you might have read a letter written to Mel Hall of the New York Yankees. My estimate is that maybe the Yanks will respond to my letter. I asked for an autographed picture for myself along with several of my friends who happen to be Yankee fans.

I have not sent a letter like that one in the past 20 years. I do remember that when I was 13 or 14 years old, I sent a series of letters to various members of the Chicago Cubs team.

I mailed one to Don Kessinger, another to Glenn Beckert and one to Billy Williams (I believe). I got a signed picture from Kessinger and Beckert and I don't believe I ever heard from Williams (or whoever the third player was).

My thoughts are that too many people are running down ballplayers these days and not much of that (of course) is tied directly to their image which is smudged many times over by the amount of greenbacks that they put in their wallets each payday.

Sometimes, it irritates me, too (especially near the end of the month). But in reality, they are still just ballplayers who want to be respected, cheered, loved, and wanted - like all of us.

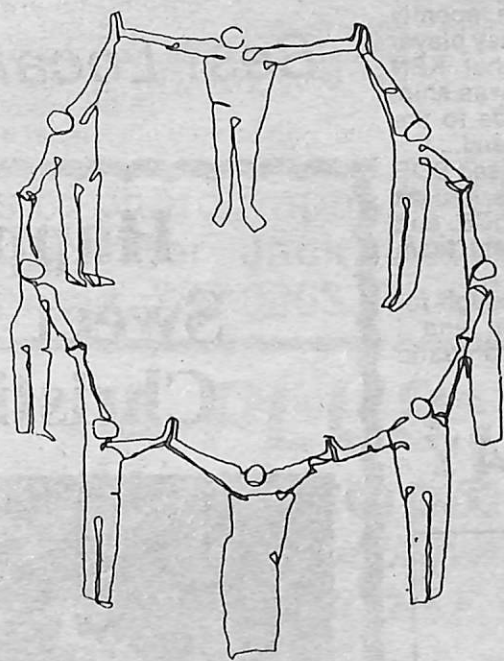
I don't know if this will work. But I want to pick an athlete (whether it be a pro or amateur) and write them a letter congratulating them on some special accomplishment, hot streak, excellent effort, etc. (Or consoling them on the end of a career, bad outing, or whatever the case may be.)

It may give a lot of us a new attitude regarding our heroes in sport. These letters may be directed at a superstar or a benchwarmer; a coach or an owner. At this writing, I have no idea where they are going.

Hopefully, it will be fun to read. Watch for the next letter in the "Outgoing Mail" column next week.

We'll try it and see what happens.

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GETTING READY to tee-off at the Annual Project DARE Golf Tournament at Oak Ridge Golf Club are, from left - Gerry O'Keefe, Kathy McSweeney, Cindy Grieve, Pete Mutti, Don Charest, and Al Collins. **MORE PHOTOS ON PAGES 47 and 48.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

RETIREMENT PARTY for *James V. Bruno, Jr., Thursday, October 1st, at Chez Josef. Ticket deadline is Sept. 25th. For more info or for tickets, Call Dian Curran or Rene Jury at 789-1400, ext. 435 or 436.*

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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Some Fishing Stories

Quite frequently I run into fishermen that have just purchased a boat and are eager to hit the ocean for some of the great catches they hear and read about. Sounds great and I am happy for them.

Nine times out of 10 (even though they have been fishing on the ocean one time or other), they fail to realize what is involved. There is more than just wetting a line in search of blues, strippers, and tuna.

There is the weather to contend with first on the list. A marine radio is a must. You have weather channels, Coast Guard emergency channel, and channels used by other fishermen. A depth finder or a video fish finder that gives speed of boat, miles traveled, temperature of the water, and depth of the fish.

An accurate compass that is set correctly. If you plan to fish out on the ocean 12 miles or more, a Loran is a very good investment.

So you can see that a lot more is involved than just wetting a line. Oh yes, if you are figuring to take along people fishing with you, check into obtaining insurance for any emergency from a hook in a finger to a collision with another boat. The populace is sue-happy these days.

Once you are on the water, look for floating objects. Kelp patties, driftwood, and buoys attract baitfish, which in turn attract larger fish. Fish near these objects, and you are likely to hook something at the top of the food chain.

Keep your eye on your video for schools of fish to show up. If you find them, troll through at a slow speed, trying to copy the food that they are eating.

Look for birds. Large fish often force their prey to the surface, making them available to birds. Find a spot on the water with many birds, and you're likely to find many large fish as well.

Fish in warmer waters—sharks, yellowtail, marlin, and dorado—prefer areas where the water rises to 69-70 degrees. These temperature breaks can be located with a temperature gauge or with temperature maps. Areas where the water changes from green to blue also indicate temperature breaks.

Be selective when buying bait. That which works for one species will not necessarily work for another. For example, anchovies will catch tuna, and sardines will catch yellowtail, but the two gamefish generally do not feed on both baits.

Finally, I suggest that you take in a Coast Guard seminar on boating. The information that you will receive is invaluable and will stick with you during your fishing life. It might even be the bit that will save a life in an emergency.

Linksters Everywhere For DARE Tourney



STATE REP. MICHAEL P. WALSH held his Annual Project DARE Golf Tournament at Oak Ridge Country Club. In top photo, from left - Ben McCullough, Scott Barker, Karl Schmaelzle, Steve Martin, Dow Savarir, and Gene Mutti. IN PHOTO BELOW, Ron Hamel, Gary Brown, Bill Sliech, Pat McCarthy, Rep. Walsh, and Dean Vecchiarelli. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 48. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Another Big Winner For Rep. Walsh & DARE



IN PHOTO LEFT, getting ready to attack the links at Oak Ridge Golf Club for the Annual Project DARE Tournament sponsored by State Rep. Michael P. Walsh are, from left - Jack Moran, William Finn (national vice-president of DARE), Agawam DARE Officer Donald Gallerani, Mike Fox, Wayne Macey, and Rep. Walsh. PHOTO RIGHT, Tom Mezzetti and Al Collins relax in their carts prior to the start of the big day. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Golf Tip Of The Week...

by Jim Modzelesky, PGA
Oak Ridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills

Stay Sharp On The Rules ... Rule 4-1

Under Rule 4-1 in the Rules of Golf, a club that becomes damaged during the course of a round may be repaired (without unduly delaying play), replaced or used in its damaged state for the remainder of the stipulating round during which the damage was sustained.

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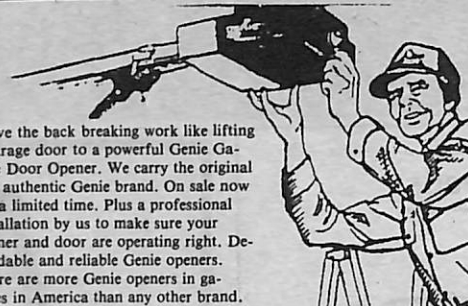
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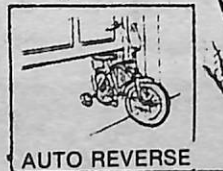
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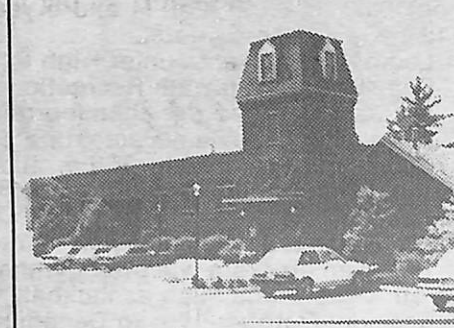
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Fall Programs Offered By Parks Dept.

The Agawam Recreation Department's fall 1992 registration begins on Monday, September 14th, 1992, daily Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please note: No registration will be taken before Monday, September 14th! All programs offered on "first-come, first-served" basis. No phone registrations, as all forms must be signed.

Registration for both youth (must reside in Agawam) and adult programs will be held daily Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Agawam Recreation Office, located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance (look for the signs).

All fees are payable in advance of the program. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be NO REFUNDS of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS, both AM and FM. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456.

YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Youth Learn To Swim:

Your child must be able to change his/her own clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room, as no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child can take part.

Session: October 17th to December 19th, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (6 years and up); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (4 and 5 years).

Location: Agawam Junior High School pool.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds).

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Swim Staff.

Classes are limited to 25 per class. Enter the pool through the last door on the left-hand side of the school.

Youth Gymnastics/Open Gym:

This gym program will offer gymnastics as well as other programs such as kickball, etc.

Session: October 17th to December 19th, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (beginners 4 and 5 years); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (beginners 6 and up); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (beginners 4 and up).

Location: Agawam Junior High School gym.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds).

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Department gymnastics staff.

All classes are limited to 30 students per class on a first-come, first-served basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child may be able to participate. Sneakers must be worn. Enter the gym through the last door on the left side of the junior high school.

Agawam Soccer Association:

A total of 65 in-town teams will kick into action beginning on Saturday, September 19th, and Sunday, September 20th, through Thanksgiving Games will be played at all local fields. Pioneer Valley teams will play at the Junior High and Middle School fields.

The annual "Rich Parolo Jamboree" has been scheduled for Sunday, October 18th. All games will be played at the Agawam High School fields. Ray Scott (786-9382) will serve as president of the association.

Bay West Hockey Association:

The Agawam and West Springfield hockey associations have combined. Games will be played at surrounding rinks. Tryouts begin in September. For more information, call Paul Flaherty at 739-2080.

Agawam Athletic Association:

Basketball sign-ups for the coming season will be held on Saturday, September 12th, at the Agawam High School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This includes sign-ups for 6/7 instructional boys and girls.

An attempt will also be made at this time to start a girls' 11-13 program. Watch *The Agawam Advertiser-News* for any further details, or call the Recreation Office.

Piranhas—a competitive swim team which competes with the best teams in the area. Sign-ups will be held on Saturday, September 12th, at the Agawam High School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Home meets are at the Junior High pool.

For further information on all A.A.A. programs, contact Bob Hersey at 786-2979. For information on the swim team, call Steven Fox at 789-2425.

Agawam Youth Football:

This is a contact football league. Agawam has two teams—junior division (5th/6th grades) and senior division (7th/8th grades).

Teams from West Springfield, Springfield, Holyoke, Chicopee, Palmer, and other local cities/towns are entered. Games are played home and away.

For further information, call David Page, president of the A.Y.F.A., at 789-0429.

1992 PERRY LANE NURSERY INFORMATION

The Perry Lane Nursery School is still accepting registrations for the fall semester in the Monday/Wednesday/Friday afternoon session.

The nursery school program is designed for children who will have turned 3 or 4 years of age by September 30th, 1992. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare your child for kindergarten.

Session: September 14th, 1992 to May 21st, 1993.

Time: 3 yrs. - Tues./Thurs., 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.; 4 yrs. - Mon./Wed./Fri., 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. (filled); 4 yrs. - Mon./Wed./Fri., 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Perry Lane Park.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

School Fee: 3 yrs. - \$50 pr. month; 4 yrs. - \$65 pr. month.

1992 ADULT RECREATION PROGRAMS

Women's Low Impact Aerobics/Exercise/Swim:

This program is a low-impact aerobics course designed to stretch and tone. If you wish to swim after the Monday program, it is already included in the cost.

Session: October 19th/21st to December 21st/23rd (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Junior High gym "A"; Wednesdays, 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., Robinson Park.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$40 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost is \$25 per person (no refunds).

Instructor: Willie Fortini.

Women's Volleyball/Swim:

Session: October 19th to December 21st, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Agawam Junior High School gym "B".

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

Supervisor: Willie Fortini.

Men's Recreational Volleyball:

This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun and competition. Enter the building through side door, right side of building near cafeteria.

Session: October 20th to December 22nd, 1992 (10 weeks).

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds). Class limited to 25.

Men's Basketball League (Over 30):

This basketball league is for any male over 30 years of age. The "over 30" league is organized for both total teams or individuals who would like to be assigned to a team. For further information, contact the league commissioner, Peter Hanson, at 786-2355.

Games will be played every Sunday morning beginning on November 1st, 1992. Although this league is recreational, you will find the exercise you need and the competition you are looking for.

Self-Defense Program:

This program is open to both males/females from the age of 16 and up. It offers a wide range of holds and moves to defend yourself against surprise abuse attempts. This is a six-week program. No class on Wednesday, November 11th, 1992.

Session: October 14th to November 25th, 1992.

Time: Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Staff.

Program Fee: \$25 per person.

Classes are limited to 25. Release forms must be signed. Enter the building through side door, right side of building (near cafeteria).

Civic Organization Gym & Swim:

The Junior High School gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$45 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguards.

Session: October 1992 through May 1993.

Time: Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Recreational Swim Schedule:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim on Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area.

A lifeguard will be on duty. The pool is open to both youths and adults. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Session: October 19th to December 21st, 1992 (10 weeks)

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School.

Registration: Not required (pay lifeguard on duty).

Pool Fee: \$2 per adult; \$1 per child (under 15). All pool rules are in effect; no cut-offs are allowed in the pool.

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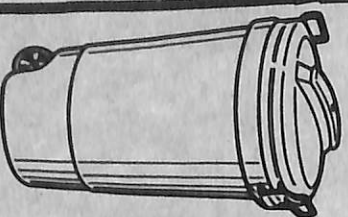
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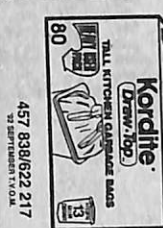
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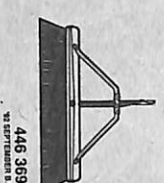
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Team New England Welcomes Kids To Hockey Try-Outs

Team New England will conduct open try-outs for the 1992-93 hockey season at the Williston Rink in Easthampton on Saturday, September 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tryouts are open to players 20 years old and under.

Candidates are required to pay a nonrefundable registration try-out fee of \$50, and are asked to arrive at the rink 90 minutes before tryouts for registration. Registration will start two hours prior to ice time.

Interested hockey players are asked to call 413-789-4566 for additional information or advanced registration.

Team New England is a sanctioned member of the USA Hockey and will compete this year against the SPRINGFIELD PICS in October and

January.

The 60-game schedule also includes Yale, Fairfield University, Canton College, St. Lawrence JV, Brown JV, Northfield MT. Hermon School, Avon Old Farms, Kingswood Oxford, The Guntery, Vermont Academy, the NHL Junior affiliate teams, the Miller Lights, the Labatt Blues, and a minimum of two tournaments.

Two scheduled tournaments are the Kent County Invitational in Rhode Island in early October which has many professional and college scouts. Competition includes Team Olympia Yugoslavia, Little Ceasars, Niagara Jr. Scenics, and others.

The Clarkson JV tournament is scheduled for November 6th-8th and includes Northwood Prep, The Junior Bruins, Dawson Prep (Montreal), The Wexford Raiders (Toronto), and Clarkson JV.

The team will be coached by Alan and Richard Cohen, who have coached Baystate Games to a silver medal and a junior team to both a bronze and a silver medal in two consecutive junior national tournaments between 1988 and 1992.

Returning as associate coach is local hockey standout Dave Champigny. Joining the coaching staff this year is five year New York Islander veteran and past Springfield Indian, Vern Smith.

Please follow the local media as Team New England will soon showcase their new logo, uniforms, and colors for the upcoming season. This will only enhance the team's purpose of opening doors of opportunity for those individuals with talent, desire, and commitment for tough competition.

Many players from last year's team have been invited to NHL tryout camps, and to both the East Coast and Southern Hockey Leagues. Others will be playing at various colleges and prep schools.

Springfield Symphony Slates Fall Fun Run

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra Fall Fun Classic returns for walkers and runners on Sunday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m., produced by S.T.A.R.T. Physical Therapy.

The event will begin by the Indian Head statue at Forest Park in Springfield, just off I-91. The 3.1 mile/5K course will be lined with numerous live musical groups, followed by free food, drinks, prizes and more!

Sponsored by KAISER PERMANENTE, LIBERTY MUTUAL, News 40 WGGB-TV, WHY-FM Radio and Wickles Fine Print, the Fall Fun Classic will benefit the SSO's youth education programs.

Entry blanks may be obtained at local races and sporting good stores, the Symphony Box Office in Springfield's Baystate West, by calling the SSO at (413) 733-0636 or S.T.A.R.T. at (413) 734-8801. Each participant will receive an original design long-sleeve T-shirt, a prize pack full of great discounts and a free ticket to a Symphony concert.

Prizes will be offered for runners in Men and Women's divisions for overall first, second and third finishers, plus 18 & Under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 plus and wheelchair categories.

There will be numerous raffle prizes for walkers. All participants will be eligible for a grand prize trip courtesy of Carroll Travel! Race logistics have been coordinated in conjunction with the Greater

Springfield Harriers.

Advance registration with T-shirt will cost \$15 for adults, and must be mailed no later than September 4th, or brought in person to Fast Feet sporting goods store by Saturday, September 12th. Fast Feet is located at 67 Liberty Street in Springfield (across from the post office), open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Day-of-registration at Forest Park will cost \$20 for adults with T-shirt. Children under 12 are free (no T-shirt). The FFC will be held rain or shine!

Prizes will include gift certificates from: Bread & Circus, Chi Chi's, Delaney House, Friendly's, Lederer's Bake Shop, Michael's Restaurant, Pizzeria Uno, Richard's Jewelers, Root Seller, Figures & Fitness one month membership, Fitness First six-month membership, Fran Johnson's and Simpson's Gourmet.

Some of the musical groups set to perform live along the course are: Mr. Jonesy's Passable Band, Steel Wave, the Holyoke Caledonian Pipes, Diana Sambria & Lyn Hardy of Rude Girls, The Harmonicats, Pat & Tex LaMountain, members of the Springfield Symphony Chorus, the Agawam High School Band, ensembles from the Communi-

ty Music School and the Conn. River Valley Recorder Guild.

All paid registrants receive a free ticket to a Symphony concert, plus a premium pack full of discounts from Aqua Cool bottled water, Blakes Department Store, Child's Play, Fitness First, F.L. Roberts, Holiday Inn, Martinelli, Inc., Meadow's East, Pizza Hut, Riverside Park, Runner's World Magazine, Soda and Pet Food City, Springfield Sheraton Hotel, World on A String, and W.F. Young.

Free food and drink provided by Aqua Cool bottled water, Baldwin Hill Bread, Big Y, Bluebird Acres, The Lemon Tree, Pizza Hut, State Line Potato Chips and Sundor Brands.

Other prizes are a Cafe Santorini dinner for two, a Fleet Bank Savings Bond, Holiday Inn Dinners for Two, Mount Tom Weekend Passes, Runner's World Prizes, movie passes from Showcase Cinema, South End Community Center discount, Springfield Marriott Weekend Getaway, S.T.A.R.T. Fitness Evaluations, SSO tickets, a kite from World on a String, and a Springfield YMCA three-month membership.

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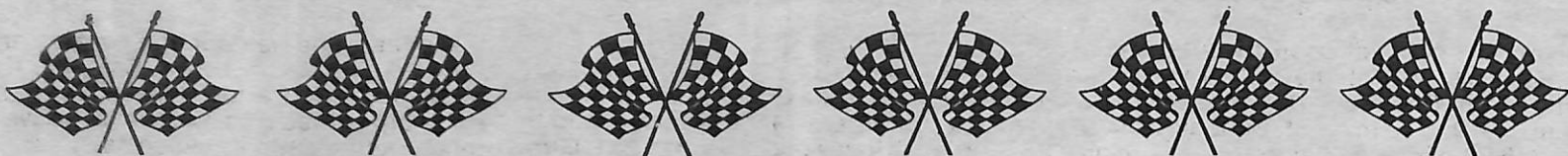
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RACING AT Riverside Speedway

Marquis Again Wins Riverside Modified Race

Jerry Marquis won the feature on Saturday, September 5th, and thus secured his second title in the NASCAR tour type Modifieds for the final point show of 1992 at Riverside Park Speedway. This evening of racing was also the final point show of the Snap-On-Tools Point Championship Series.

In addition to Marquis, titles were secured by Tom Fearn and Jay Stewart. The Snap-On-Tools Championship Series was won by Dan Avery, Tony Papale, and Jay Stewart as the pressure was on.

A crowd of 4,519 came out to witness the action that ended before 9:30 p.m. with five divisions of racing action.

The NASCAR tour type feature event was a double point show. Fran Principi led for the first six laps until a caution came out, as Ed Kennedy spun and went down a lap; however, he later made up the lap.

Chris Kopec then became the next leader until lap 38 when Marquis and Dan Avery really applied the pressure. With Bobby Gee threading the needle to get to the front of the field, a battle ensued between Larry Moore, Rick Summers, John Zavisza, and Brian Schofield.

On lap 39, Marquis used the bottom to take the lead. Once he was in command, everyone's eyes shifted to Ed Kennedy. He had made up the lap and pitted for tires; in the last 10 laps, he was flying.

Kennedy then made his bid to pick up a few more spots. Down the back straightaway, contact was made as Kennedy hit at a ton. He was taken to the hospital with a possible broken shoulder and leg fractures, and the car was a total loss.

At the checker it was Marquis for the win over Chris Kopec (Mutual Ford), Dan Avery (Porter-

Chester), Bobby Gee (International Auto Body), Ricky Summers (Oak & Keg), and John Zavisza.

Seventh through 10th were Fran Principi (General Auto), Dave Gallo (Gallo Auto), Jim Houghton (Norwalk Auto), and Larry Moore (West Hartford Tool).

Dave Salzarulo won his first in the Pro Stocks as Jerry Marquis finished in the runner-up spot. Tony Papale came from the middle of the pack and just beat out Ed Carroll at the line.

Fifth went to Dave Berube over Tom Carey, Eddy Carroll, Scott Bouley, Kevin Czarnecki, and Tom Fearn. Fearn won the Pro Stock Title by two points after he was forced to pit with a cut tire. Meanwhile, the Snap-On-Tools Championship was won by Tony Papale.

Tom Cravenho won his fourth victory in the Pro Four Modifieds over Doug Meservey, who moved into the point lead. Third was George Savery over Dave Lessard and Mike Pettrizzo, Renee Duprius, Denis Routhier, Dan Meservey, and George Ruff.

Chris Woods won the Late Model feature over Larry Pincence, Gary Pelletier, Jay Stewart, and Gary Fiorimonti. Sixth through 10th were Barry Grey, Doug D'alessandro, Fred LaForge, Al Bisson, and Roger Charette. Jay Stewart won the Late Model title.

Jeff Horn won the Strictly Stocks over Herb Carlson. Third through fifth were won by Roy Houle, Joe Czarnecki, and Rob Velerio.

This Saturday, September 12th, it's a seven division program, as racing companies until October at Riverside Park Speedway.

Team Race Concept Coming To Riverside On September 26th

Ben Dodge, director of auto racing at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, has done it again in his ever-innovative search for creative new racing concepts.

Riverside will present a team race based on the popular Riverside 500 concept of the past. The new test format has the suspense of the old with the excitement of the '90s. On Saturday, September 26th, at 6:00 p.m., history-in-the-making continues with the new "Riverside 500" team concept for twin 100's with the Modifieds and Pro Stocks.

Teams will be determined through time trials the day of the event in both the Modified and Pro Stock divisions. Fast-time Modified drivers will be teamed with fast-time Pro Stock drivers; each team from each division runs his own leg for each 100 laps.

A driver may drive both 100 lap events but must drive the same car he is teamed with—he cannot drive for another team. The same process through times will give the event 22 race teams, based on the performance through time trials.

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DAVE STRATTON of Agawam, who now attends Springfield College, received his third degree black belt in South Korea from Grandmaster Hyon Soo Leem of South Korea and Mike Wollmershauser, the only American Grandmaster in hap kido in the world (photo right).

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Once a team is locked in, you cannot change partners. The fast-time team will determine what leg or 100 feature division will run first (example: Pro Stock 100 or Modified 100).

This strategy of which feature goes first is real important—the lineup for the first feature is determined through time trials. The finish of the first feature determines the starting spots of the second 100-lap feature with the team partner starting in that position.

It is a unique and aggressive format for the twin 100-lap event. The teams, once determined, will pit together for each segment and work as a team unit. With \$20,000 up for grabs, it will be a great night for racing. Support divisions also running will include the Late Models in a regular 25-lap event, and the Strictly Stocks in a 20-lap event.

This unique special event is priced at \$14 for adults, and \$3 for kids eight and under. The price of a pit fee for this non-sanction event is \$20; everyone over 16 is welcome in the Pit area.

The pits will open at 11:00 a.m., with practice at 1:00 p.m. and the actual action starting at 6:00 p.m. Time trials will determine the teams.

Remember, Riverside Speedway runs each and every Saturday through October 10th at 6:00 p.m. The events feature many new changes that may include the seven-division specials, Enduros, and more.

For more information, call (413) 786-9300, extension 264, or write: Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA, 01001. September means excitement at Riverside Park Speedway!

Black Belt David Stratton Returns From 3rd Degree Test in South Korea

Dave Stratton, now attending Springfield College for his master's degree, has little extra time to give. But he makes time for his martial arts training with Grandmaster 8th degree black belt Mike Wollmershauser at Fitness First Health Club in Feeding Hills.

The art he loves is known as hap kido, a Korean martial art of Japanese jujitsu - one of the best self-defense arts going into the 21st century.

Dave's 3rd degree test took place at the Korean hap kido headquarters in Daegu City, South Korea. Grandmaster Hyon Soo Leem and Mike

Wollmershauser (the only American Grandmaster in hap kido in the world) tested Dave during the last week of August. Grandmaster Leem said that Dave was one of the best he has seen in years.

The highlight of Dave's trip was when he visited the founder's house and old school, and then working out with the other Korean masters at 6:00 a.m. each morning in class.

Dave's leadership and confidence come from his father, Coach Stratton, who has been his idol, mentor, and just a great dad.

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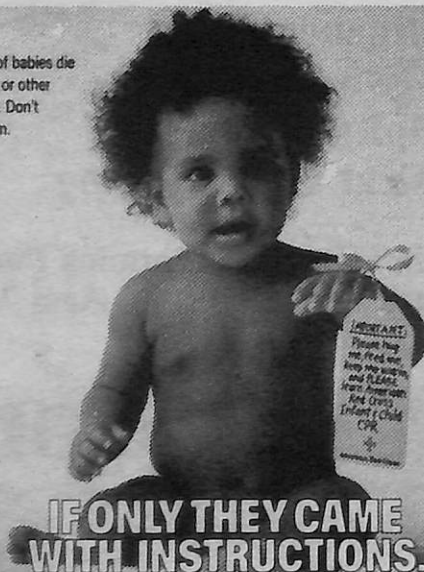
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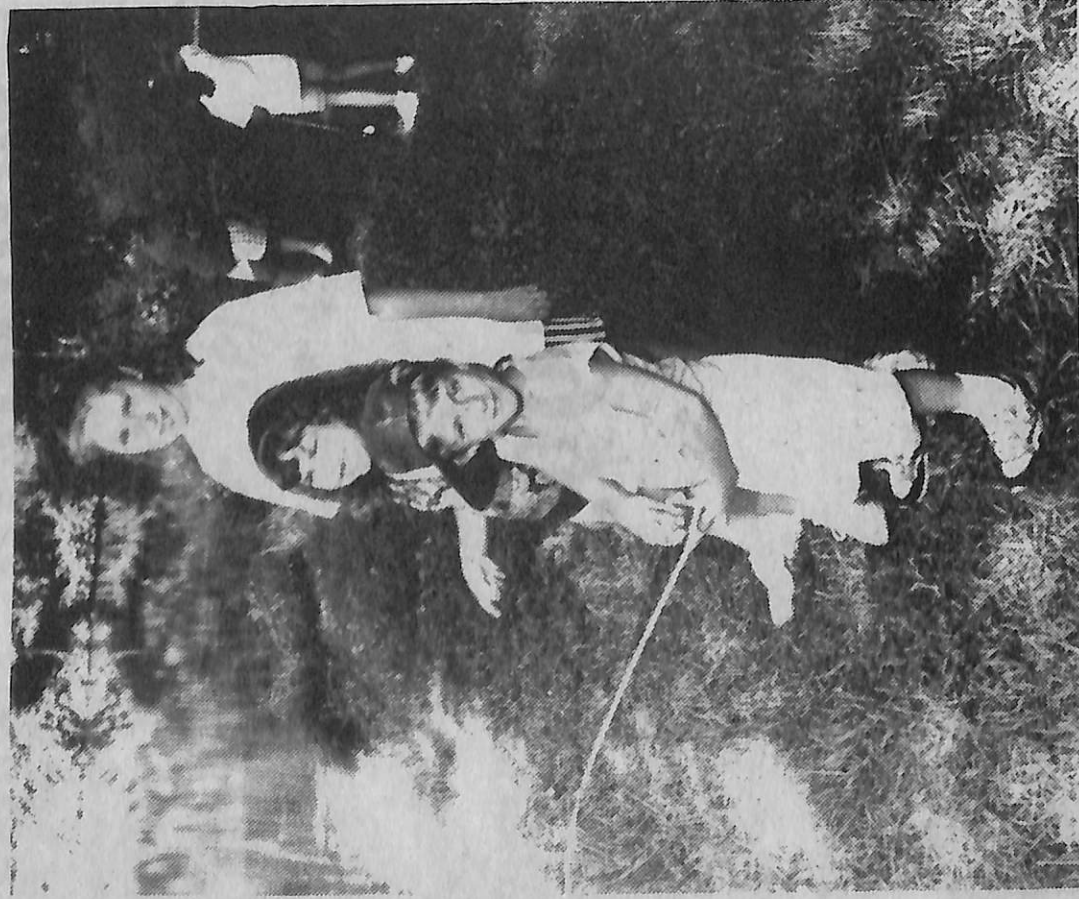
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IN PHOTO ABOVE, Camp Rainbow members Kelly Carmody, Erin Marsh, and David Corliss enjoyed a late summer afternoon of fishing at the Agawam Mawaga Club off Adams Street. IN PHOTO RIGHT, camp members Cathy Rahilly and Michael Montessi were heading for the fishing hole to join the fun. Camp Rainbow is the town's summer special needs camp. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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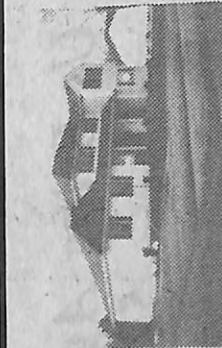
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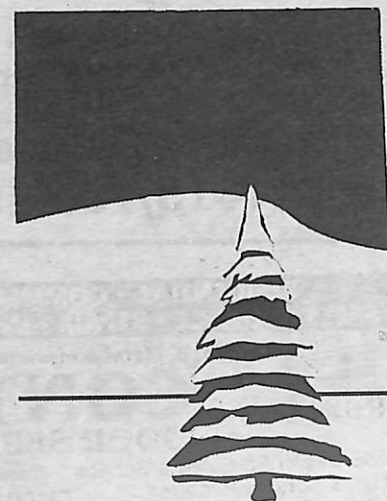
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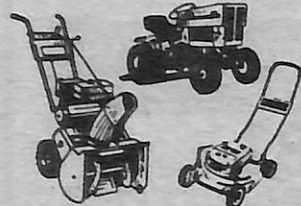
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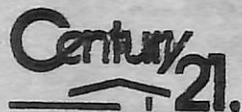
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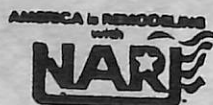
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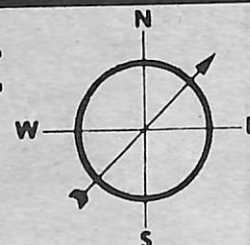
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